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(57) Abstract Novel inhibitors of protein farnesyl transferase enzymes are described, as well as methods for the preparation and pharmaceutical compositions of the same, which are useful in treating cancer, restenosis, psoriasis, endometriosis, atherosclerosis, or viral infections.		

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INHIBITORS OF PROTEIN FARNESYLTRANSFERASE

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The present invention relates to compounds that can be used in the medicinal field to treat, prophylactically or otherwise, uncontrolled or abnormal proliferation of human tissues. Specifically, the present invention relates to compounds that inhibit the farnesyl transferase enzyme, which has been determined to activate ras proteins that in turn activate cellular division and are implicated in cancer and restenosis.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Ras protein (or p21) has been examined extensively because mutant forms are found in 20% of most types of human cancer and greater than 50% of colon and pancreatic carcinomas (Gibbs J.B., Cell, 1991;65:1, Cartwright T., et al., Chimica Oggi, 1992;10:26). These mutant ras proteins are deficient in the capability for feedback regulation that is present in native ras, and this deficiency is associated with their oncogenic action since the ability to stimulate normal cell division cannot be controlled by the normal endogenous regulatory cofactors. The recent discovery that the transforming activity of mutant ras is critically dependent on post-translational modifications (Gibbs J., et al., Microbiol. Rev., 1989;53:171) has unveiled an important aspect of ras function and identified novel prospects for cancer therapy.

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In addition to cancer, there are other conditions of uncontrolled cellular proliferation that may be related to excessive expression and/or function of native ras proteins. Post-surgical vascular restenosis is such a condition. The use of various surgical

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revascularization techniques such as saphenous vein bypass grafting, endarterectomy, and transluminal coronary angioplasty are often accompanied by complications due to uncontrolled growth of neointimal tissue, known as restenosis. The biochemical causes of restenosis are poorly understood and numerous growth factors and protooncogenes have been implicated (Naftilan A.J., et al., Hypertension, 1989;13:706 and J. Clin. Invest., 83:1419; Gibbons G.H., et al., Hypertension, 1989;14:358; Satoh T., et al., Molec. Cell. Biol., 1993;13:3706). The fact that ras proteins are known to be involved in cell division processes makes them a candidate for intervention in many situations where cells are dividing uncontrollably. In direct analogy to the inhibition of mutant ras related cancer, blockade of ras dependant processes has the potential to reduce or eliminate the inappropriate tissue proliferation associated with restenosis, particularly in those instances where normal ras expression and/or function is exaggerated by growth stimulatory factors.

Ras functioning is dependent upon the modification of the proteins in order to associate with the inner face of plasma membranes. Unlike other membrane-associated proteins, ras proteins lack conventional transmembrane or hydrophobic sequences and are initially synthesized in a cytosol soluble form. Ras protein membrane association is triggered by a series of post-translational processing steps that are signaled by a carboxyl terminal amino acid consensus sequence that is recognized by protein farnesyl transferase (PFT). This consensus sequence consists of a cysteine residue located four amino acids from the carboxyl terminus, followed by two lipophilic amino acids, and the C-terminal residue. The sulfhydryl group of the cysteine residue is alkylated

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by farnesylpyrophosphate in a reaction that is catalyzed by protein farnesyl transferase. Following prenylation, the C-terminal three amino acids are cleaved by an endoprotease and the newly exposed alpha-carboxyl group of the prenylated cysteine is methylated by a methyl transferase. The enzymatic processing of ras proteins that begins with farnesylation enables the protein to associate with the cell membrane.

Mutational analysis of oncogenic ras proteins indicate that these post-translational modifications are essential for transforming activity. Replacement of the consensus sequence cysteine residue with other amino acids gives a ras protein that is no longer farnesylated, fails to migrate to the cell membrane and lacks the ability to stimulate cell proliferation (Hancock J.F., et al., Cell, 1989;57:1617, Schafer W.R., et al., Science, 1989;245:379, Casey P.J., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1989;86:8323).

Recently, protein farnesyl transferases (PFTs, also referred to as farnesyl proteintransferases (FPTs) have been identified and a specific PFT from rat brain was purified to homogeneity (Reiss Y., et al., Bioch. Soc. Trans., 1992;20:487-88). The enzyme was characterized as a heterodimer composed of one alpha-subunit (49kDa) and one beta-subunit (46kDa), both of which are required for catalytic activity. High level expression of mammalian PFT in a baculovirus system and purification of the recombinant enzyme in active form has also been accomplished (Chen W.-J., et al., J. Biol. Chem., 1993;268:9675).

In light of the foregoing, the discovery that the function of oncogenic ras proteins is critically dependent on their post-translational processing provides a means of cancer chemotherapy through inhibition of the processing enzymes. The identification and isolation of a protein farnesyl

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transferase that catalyzes the addition of a farnesyl group to ras proteins provides a promising target for such intervention. Ras farnesyl transferase inhibitors have been shown to have anticancer activity in several recent articles.

Ras inhibitor agents act by inhibiting farnesyl transferase, the enzyme that anchors the protein product of the ras gene to the cell membrane. The role of the ras mutation in transducing growth signals within cancer cells relies on the protein being in the cell membrane so with farnesyl transferase inhibited, the ras protein will stay in the cytosol and be unable to transmit growth signals: these facts are well-known in the literature.

A peptidomimetic inhibitor of farnesyl transferase B956 and its methyl ester B1086 at 100 mg/kg have been shown to inhibit tumor growth by EJ-1 human bladder carcinoma, HT1080 human fibrosarcoma and human colon carcinoma xenografts in nude mice (Nagasu, T., et al., Cancer Res., 1995;55:5310-5314). Furthermore, inhibition of tumor growth by B956 has been shown to correlate with inhibition of ras posttranslational processing in the tumor. Other ras farnesyl transferase inhibitors have been shown to specifically prevent ras processing and membrane localization and are effective in reversing the transformed phenotype of mutant ras containing cells (Sepp-Lorenzino L., et al., Cancer Res., 1995;55:5302-5309).

In another report (Sun J., et al., Cancer Res., 1995;55:4243-4247), a ras farnesyl transferase inhibitor FTI276 has been shown to selectively block tumor growth in nude mice of a human lung carcinoma with K-ras mutation and p53 deletion. In yet another report, daily administration of a ras farnesyl transferase inhibitor L-744,832 caused tumor regression of mammary and salivary carcinomas in ras transgenic

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mice (Kohl et al., Nature Med., 1995;1(8):792-748). Thus, ras farnesyl transferase inhibitors have benefit in certain forms of cancer, particularly those dependent on oncogenic ras for their growth. However, it is well-known that human cancer is often manifested when several mutations in important genes occurs, one or more of which may be responsible for controlling growth and metastases. A single mutation may not be enough to sustain growth and only after two of three mutations occur, tumors can develop and grow. It is therefore difficult to determine which of these mutations may be primarily driving the growth in a particular type of cancer. Thus, ras farnesyl transferase inhibitors can have therapeutic utility in tumors not solely dependent on oncogenic forms of ras for their growth. For example, it has been shown that various ras FT-inhibitors have antiproliferative effects in vivo against tumor lines with either wild-type or mutant ras (Sepp-Lorenzino, supra.). In addition, there are several ras-related proteins that are prenylated. Proteins such as R-Ras2/TC21 are ras-related proteins that are prenylated in vivo by both farnesyl transferase and geranylgeranyl transferase I (Carboni, et al., Oncogene, 1995;10:1905-1913). Therefore, ras farnesyl transferase inhibitors could also block the prenylation of the above proteins and therefore would then be useful in inhibiting the growth of tumors driven by other oncogenes.

With regard to the restenosis and vascular proliferative diseases, it has been shown that inhibition of cellular ras prevents smooth muscle proliferation after vascular injury in vivo (Indolfi C, et al., Nature Med., 1995;1(6):541-545). This report definitively supports a role for farnesyl transferase inhibitors in this disease, showing inhibition of

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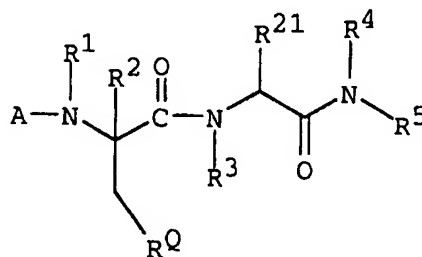
accumulation and proliferation of vascular smooth muscle.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides compounds having the Formula I

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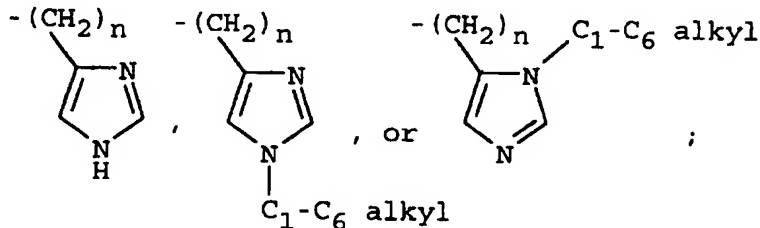
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wherein

R^{21} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^Q is

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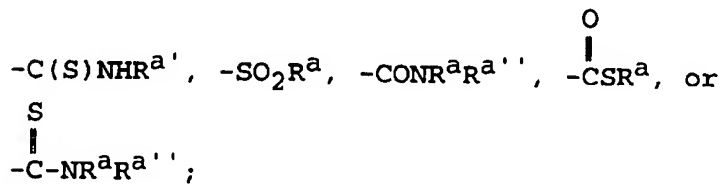


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n is 0 or 1;

A is $-COR^a$, $-CO_2R^{a'}$, $-CONHR^{a'}$, $-CSR^a$, $-C(S)OR^{a'}$,

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R^a , $R^{a'}$, and $R^{a''}$ are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

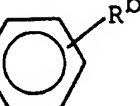
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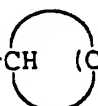
$-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_m$ -aryl, or $-(CH_2)_m$ -heteroaryl;

each m is independently 0 to 3;

R^1 , R^2 , and R^4 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

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R^3 is $-(CH_2)_m-$  , $-(CH_2)_m$ -heteroaryl,

5 $-(CH_2)_m-$  $(CH_2)_t$, $-(CH_2)_m$ -naphthyl,

$-(CH_2)_m$ -(heteroaryl substituted with R^b), or
 C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

t is 2 to 6;

10 R^b is -O-phenyl, -O-benzyl, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl,
hydrogen, -O- C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^a$, $NR^aR^{a'}$,

$\overset{O}{\parallel}$ - CC_1 - C_6 alkyl, $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ -C-aryl, -OH, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$,

15 $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ -COH, $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ - COC_1 - C_6 alkyl, -CN, $-OPO_3H_2$,

20 $-CH_2PO_3H_2$, $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ -COaryl, $-N_3$, $-CF_2CF_3$, $-SO_2R^a$,
 $-SO_2NR^aR^{a'}$, -CHO, $-OCOCH_3$, or $-O(CH_2)_m$ -

heteroaryl, $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ -CNR $^aR^{a'}$, $\overset{O}{\parallel}$ -NH-C-R a , $-O-(CH_2)_y$ NR $^aR^{a'}$;

25 $-O-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl,

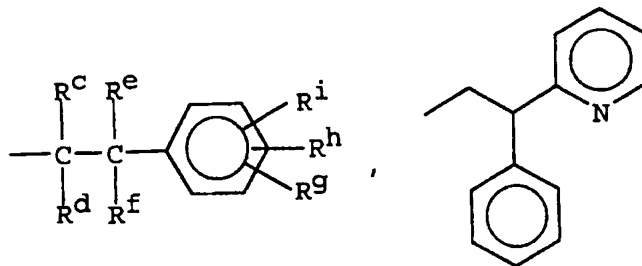
$-O-(CH_2)_m$ -aryl, $-(CH_2)_m$ -aryl, or

$-(CH_2)_m$ -heteroaryl;

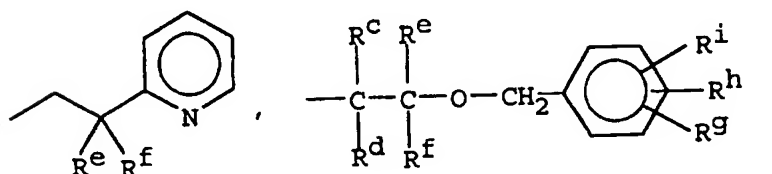
y is 2 or 3;

R^5 is

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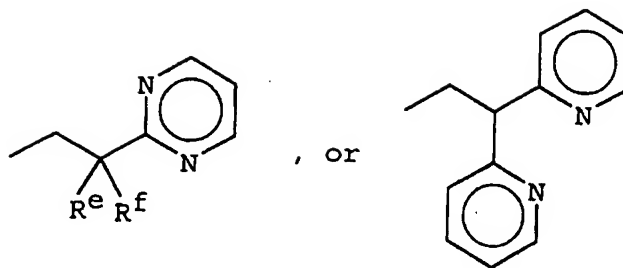


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R^i , R^g , and R^h are independently hydrogen, halogen,
 $-OC_1-C_6$ alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CN$, $-OPO_3H_2$,

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$-NH-C(=O)-R^a$, $-CH_2PO_3H_2$, $-O$ -phenyl, $-O$ -benzyl, $-NH_2$,

$-NHR^a$, $-O-(CH_2)_yNR^aR^{a'}$, $-NR^aR^{a'}$, $-C(=O)-C_1-C_6$ alkyl,

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$-C(=O)$ -aryl, $-OH$, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, $-COH$, $-C(=O)-C_1-C_6$ alkyl,

$-CO$ aryl, $-N_3$, $-CF_2CF_3$, $-SO_2R^a$, $-SO_2NR^aR^{a'}$, $-CHO$,
 or $-OCOCH_3$; and

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R^c , R^d , R^e , and R^f are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl,
 $-(CH_2)_m$ -phenyl, hydrogen, $-(CH_2)_m-OH$, $-(CH_2)_mNH_2$,
 $-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl, or $-CN$, and the
 pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides,
 and prodrugs thereof.

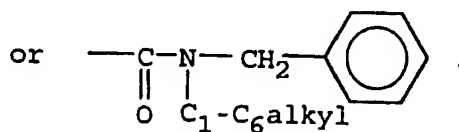
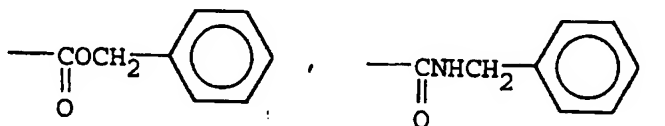
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In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of
 Formula I

R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is hydrogen, R^4 is hydrogen, R^{21} is
 hydrogen or CH_3 ; and



A is

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In another preferred embodiment of the compound of Formula I

R^3 is $-(CH_2)_m-$ , $-(CH_2)_m-$ ,
or $-CH_2-CH(CH_3)_2$.

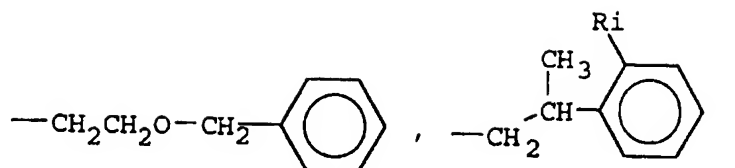
R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is hydrogen, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^{21} is hydrogen or CH_3 .

In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of Formula I

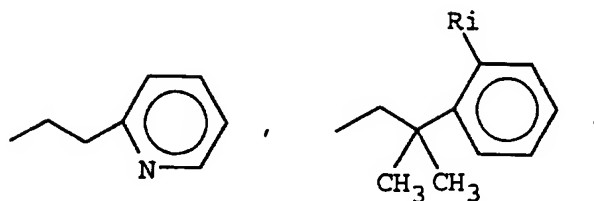
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R⁵ is

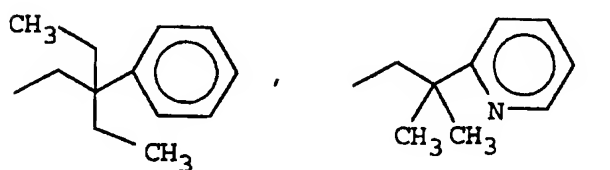
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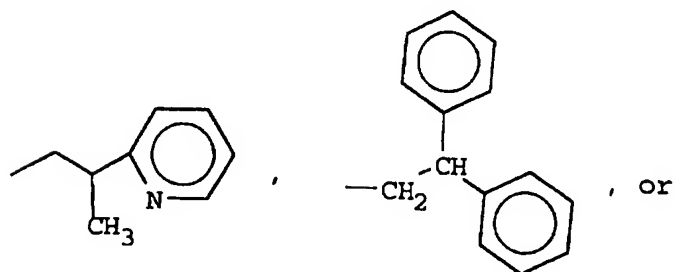
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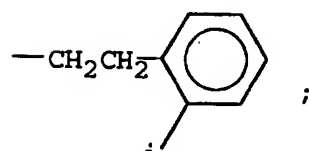
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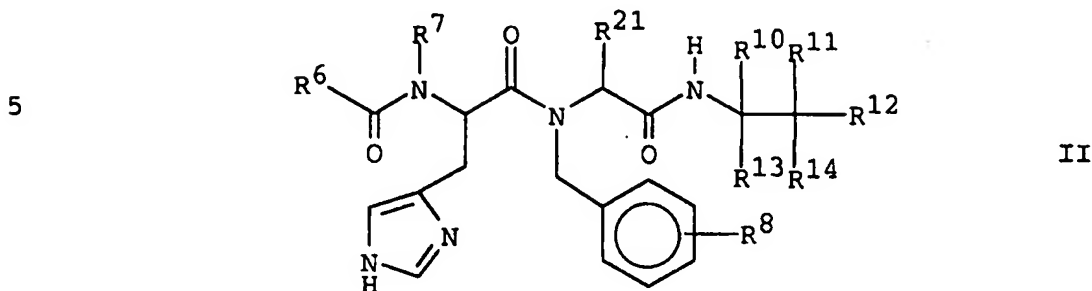
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where Rⁱ is hydrogen, Cl, Br, F, or NH₂.

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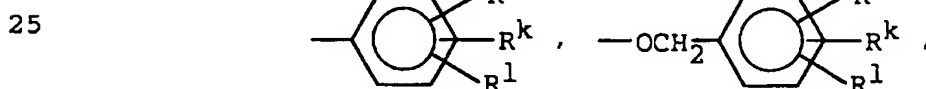
Also provided are compounds having the Formula II



wherein

C₁-C₆ alkylR⁶ is -O-benzyl, -NH-benzyl, or -N-benzyl;15 R²¹ is hydrogen or methyl;R⁷ is hydrogen or methyl;R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -O-benzyl, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -CF₃, -OH, -O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl, or phenyl;20 R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹³, and R¹⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or -(CH₂)_m-phenyl;

each m is independently 0 to 3;

R¹² is

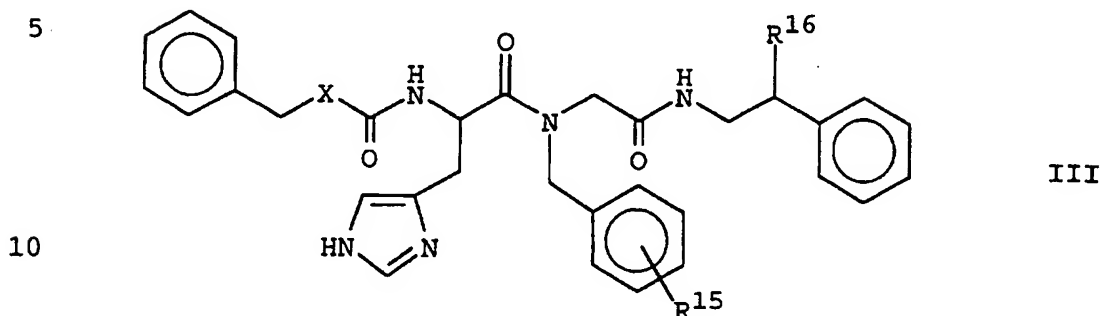
35 R^j, R^k, and R^l are independently hydrogen, halogen, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHR^a, or NH₂, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R¹¹ and R¹⁴ are methyl.

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In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R⁸ is methyl or methoxy.

Also provided are compounds having the Formula III



wherein

X is NH, O, or $-N(CH_3)$;

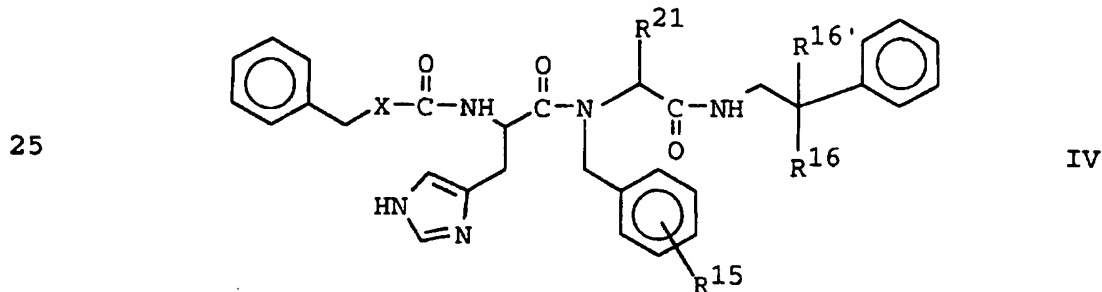
R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen,

-OC₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, -O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl, or -C₁-C₆ alkyl;

m is 0 to 3; and

R¹⁶ is a phenyl, hydrogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

Also provided are compounds having the Formula IV:



wherein

X is NH, O, or N(CH₃);

R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -O-C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or -O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl;

R^{16} and $R^{16'}$ are C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

m is 0 to 3; and

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R²¹ is hydrogen or methyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

5 In another aspect, the present invention provides a pharmaceutically acceptable composition that comprises a compound of Formula I, II, III, or IV.

Also provided is a method of treating or preventing restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having restenosis or a risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I, II, III, or IV.

Also provided is a method of treating cancer, the method comprising administering to a patient having cancer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I, II, III, or IV.

Also provided is a method of treating psoriasis, the method comprising administering to a patient having psoriasis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I, II, III, or IV.

Also provided is a method of treating viral infection, the method of comprising administering to a patient having a viral infection a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I, II, III, or IV.

25 In a more preferred embodiment, the cancer is lung cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, thyroid cancer, or bladder cancer.

In a most preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula I, II, III, or IV are

30 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-(phenethyl-carbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[[2-Benzyloxy-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-[4-chlorobenzyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2,2-diphenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

10 (S)-[1-{Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-{Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

15 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-bromo-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

30 (S)-[1-[(4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

5 (S)-[1-[(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propyl-
carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-
yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-methyl-benzyl)-
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ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-methoxy-benzyl)-
[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-
ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[[2-(2-Amino-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl]-
methyl)-(4-benzoyloxy-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-
15 imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-
propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-
yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-[1-(Benzyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-
methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-
carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[2-(2-chloro-
phenyl)-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl)-
2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl
25 ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-ethyl-2-phenyl-
butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-
4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

30 (S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-
(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-
methyl]-propionamide;

(S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-
(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-
methyl]-propionamide;

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(S)-[1-[(2-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-[(4-Bromo-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(3-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-[1-[(4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

15 (S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-

30 carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-carbamoyl]-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-(Benzyl-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

15 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-cyano-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Dimethylamino-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

30 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(2-(1-H-imidazole-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

35 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

5 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid thiophen-3-ylmethyl ester;

15 (S)-[1-[(4-Chloro-benzyl)-[1-(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-chloro-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

30 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[[2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[2-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

35 (S)-[1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-pentyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-[[2-(4-Benzyloxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[[2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-[1-[[[2-(2-Amino-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-[(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3-methyl-3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid furan-2-ylmethyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid thiophen-2-ylmethyl ester;

30 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid pyridin-3-ylmethyl ester;

35 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid 1H-imidazole-4-ylmethyl ester;

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(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-ureido)-N-(4-chloro-benzyl)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

5 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzylloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid 4-methoxy-benzyl ester;

(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-thioureido)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-(4-methyl-benzyl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

10 (S)-2-Acetyl-amino-N-(4-benzylloxy-benzyl)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

(S)-(2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

15 (S)-(2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-iodo-benzyl)-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Amino-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-[(4-Ethoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-[1-[[4-(2-Dimethylamino-ethoxy)-benzyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
and

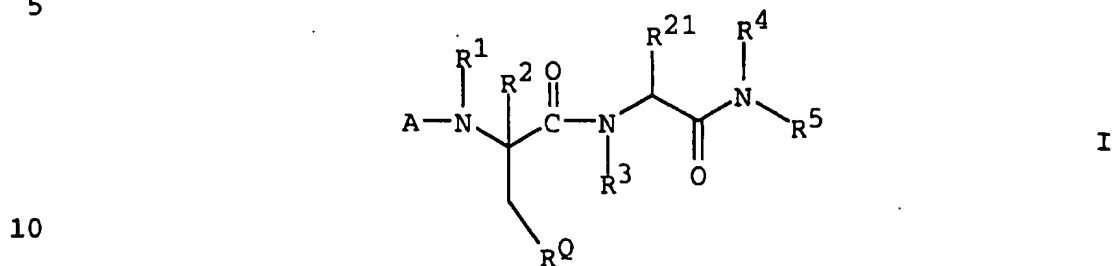
30 (2-(1H-Imidazol-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propyl carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a compound having the Formula I

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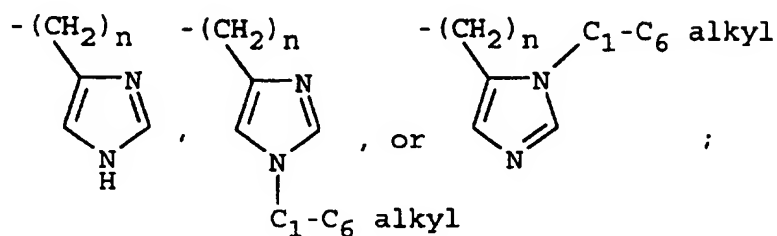


wherein

R^{21} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^Q is

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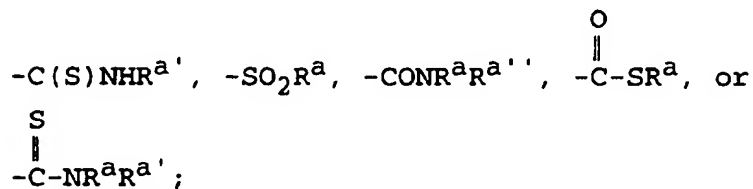


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n is 0 or 1;

A is $-\text{COR}^a$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{a'}$, $-\text{CONHR}^{a'}$, $-\text{CSR}^a$, $-\text{C(S)OR}^{a'}$,

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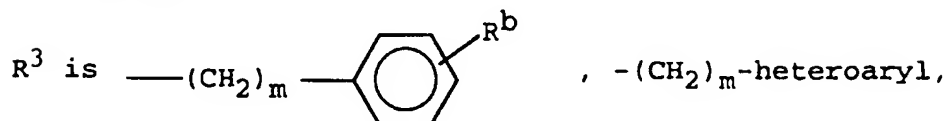
R^a , $R^{a'}$, and $R^{a''}$ are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

 $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-cycloalkyl}, -(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-aryl},$ $-(CH_2)_m\text{-heteroaryl};$

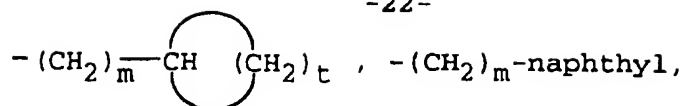
each m is independently 0 to 3;

R¹, R², and R⁴ are independently hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

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C₁-C₆ alkyl, or5 $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-(heteroaryl substituted with R}^b\text{)};$

t is 2 to 6;

R^b is -O-phenyl, -O-benzyl, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl,
hydrogen, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -NH₂, -NHR^a, -NR^aR^{a'},

10 $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{CC}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}, \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{C-aryl}, \end{array} -\text{OH}, -\text{CF}_3, -\text{NO}_2,$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{COH}, \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{COC}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}, \end{array} -\text{CN}, -\text{OPO}_3\text{H}_2,$

15 $-\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2, \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{CO aryl}, \end{array} -\text{N}_3, -\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3, -\text{SO}_2\text{R}^a,$
 $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, -\text{CHO}, -\text{OCOCH}_3, -\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-heteroaryl},$

20 $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{CHR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{NH-CR}^a, \end{array} -\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_y\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'},$

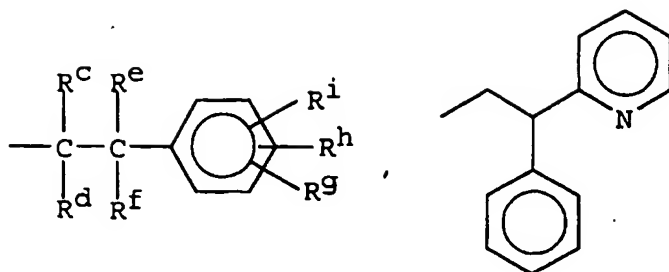
-O-(CH₂)_m-cycloalkyl,-(CH₂)_m-cycloalkyl, -O-(CH₂)_m-aryl, -(CH₂)_m-aryl,or -(CH₂)_m-heteroaryl;

25 y is 2 or 3;

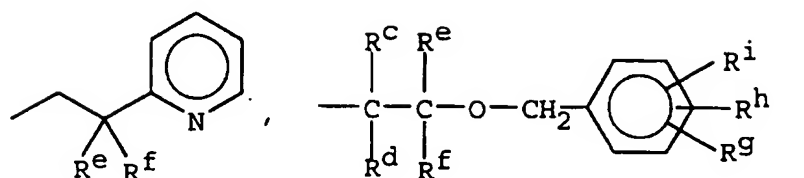
R⁵ is

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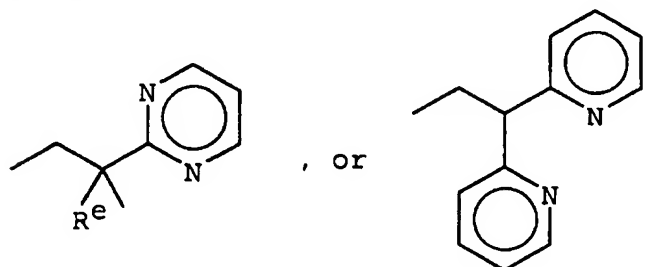
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R^i , R^g , and R^h are independently hydrogen, halogen, $-\text{OC}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{OPO}_3\text{H}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$, $-\text{O-phenyl}$, $-\text{O-benzyl}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHR}^a$,

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$-\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}$, $-\text{CC}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $-\text{C-aryl}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{NO}_2$,

$-\text{NH}-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^a$, $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_y\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}$, $-\text{COH}$

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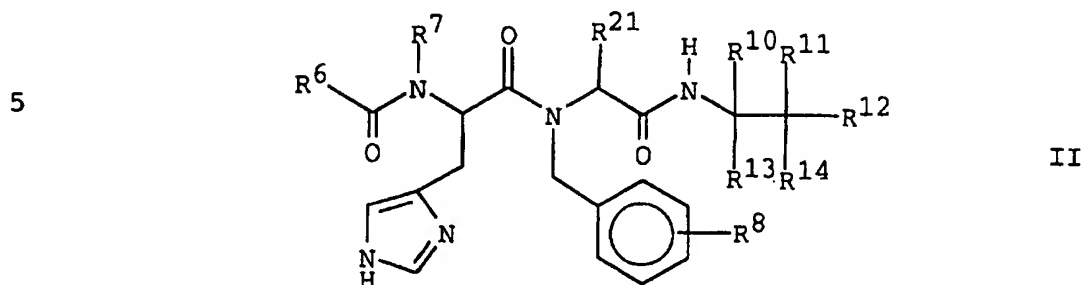
$-\text{COC}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $-\text{CO aryl}$, $-\text{N}_3$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^a$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}$, $-\text{CHO}$, or $-\text{OCOCH}_3$; and

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R^c , R^d , R^e , and R^f are independently $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-phenyl}$, hydrogen, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-OH}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{NH}_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-cycloalkyl}$, or $-\text{CN}$, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

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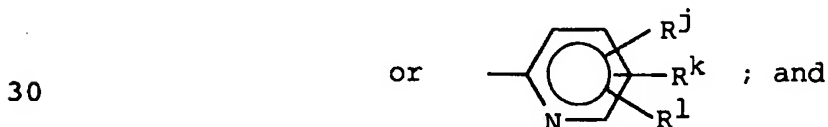
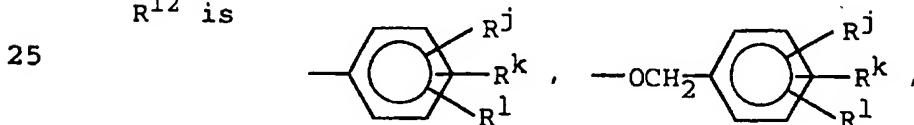
Also provided are compounds having the Formula II



wherein

C₁-C₆ alkylR⁶ is -O-benzyl, -NH-benzyl, or -N-benzyl;15 R²¹ is hydrogen or methyl;R⁷ is hydrogen or methyl;R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -O-benzyl, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -CF₃, -OH, -O-CH₂-pyridyl, or phenyl;20 R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹³, and R¹⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or -(CH₂)_m-phenyl;

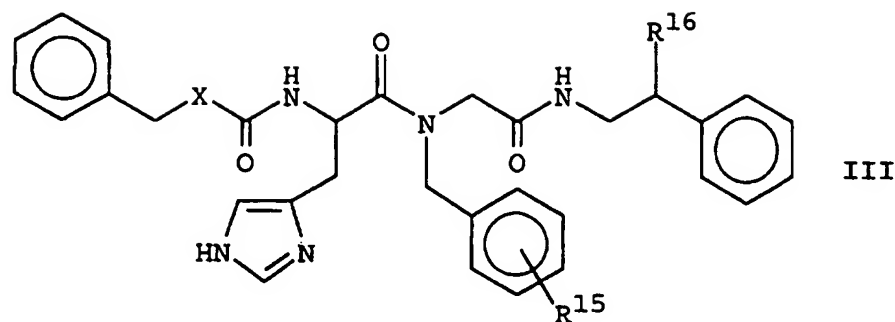
each m is independently 0 to 3;

R¹² is

35 R^j, R^k, and R^l are independently hydrogen, halogen, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, or -NHR^a, or NH₂, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

Also provided are compounds having the Formula III

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wherein

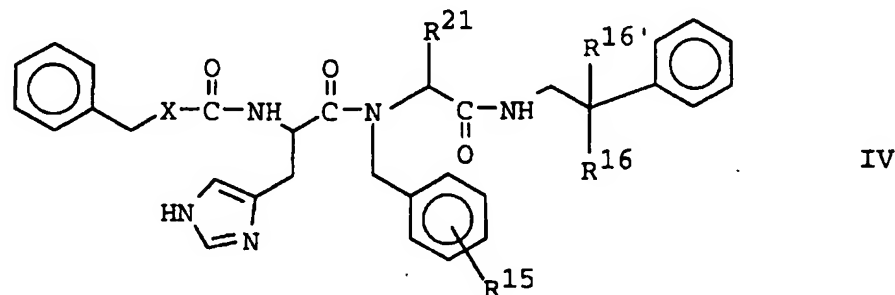
X is NH, O, or -N(CH₃);

R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl, or phenyl;

m is 0 to 3; and

R¹⁶ is a phenyl, hydrogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

Also provided are compounds having the Formula IV



wherein

X is NH, O, or -N(CH₃);

R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or -O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl;

R¹⁶ and R^{16'} are C₁-C₆ alkyl;

m is 0 to 3; and

R²¹ is hydrogen or methyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

The term "alkyl" means a straight or branched hydrocarbon having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and

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includes, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, and the like.

5 The term "cycloalkyl" means a saturated hydrocarbon ring which contains from 3 to 7 carbon atoms, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, adamantyl, and the like.

10 The term "aryl" means an aromatic ring which is a phenyl, 5-fluorenyl, 1-naphthyl, or 2-naphthyl group, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from alkyl, O-alkyl and S-alkyl, OH, SH, F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NHCH₃, N(CH₃)₂, NHCO-alkyl, (CH₂)_mCO₂H, (CH₂)_mCO₂-alkyl, (CH₂)_mSO₃H, (CH₂)_mPO₃H₂, (CH₂)_mPO₃(alkyl)₂, (CH₂)_mSO₂NH₂, and (CH₂)_mSO₂NH-alkyl
15 wherein alkyl is defined as above and m = 0, 1, 2, or 3.

The term "heteroaryl" means a heteroaromatic ring which is a 2- or 3-thienyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-pyrrolyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, imidazolyl, 2-, 3-,
20 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-indoxyl group, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents from the group of substituents described above for aryl.

The symbol "-" means a bond.

25 The term "patient" means all animals including humans. Examples of patients include humans, cows, dogs, cats, goats, sheep, and pigs.

A "therapeutically effective amount" is an amount of a compound of the present invention that when administered to a patient ameliorates a symptom of a
30 viral infection, restenosis, cancer, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, endometriosis, or prevents restenosis or atherosclerosis. A therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention can be easily determined by one skilled in the art by administering a
35 quantity of a compound to a patient and observing the result. In addition, those skilled in the art are

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familiar with identifying patients having cancer, viral infections, restenosis, atherosclerosis, psoriasis, or endometriosis or who are at risk of having restenosis or atherosclerosis.

5 The term "cancer" includes, but is not limited to, the following cancers:

breast;
ovary;
cervix;
10 prostate;
testis;
esophagus;
glioblastoma;
neuroblastoma;
15 stomach;
skin, keratoacanthoma;
lung, epidermoid carcinoma, large cell carcinoma,
adenocarcinoma;
bone;
20 colon, adenocarcinoma, adenoma;
pancreas, adenocarcinoma;
thyroid, follicular carcinoma, undifferentiated
carcinoma, papillary carcinoma;
seminoma;
25 melanoma;
sarcoma;
bladder carcinoma;
liver carcinoma and biliary passages;
kidney carcinoma;
30 myeloid disorders;
lymphoid disorders, Hodgkins, hairy cells;
buccal cavity and pharynx (oral), lip, tongue,
mouth, pharynx;
small intestine;
35 colon-rectum, large intestine, rectum;
brain and central nervous system; and

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leukemia.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs" as used herein refers to those carboxylate salts, amino acid addition salts, 5 esters, amides, and prodrugs of the compounds of the present invention which are, within the scope of sound medical judgement, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of patients without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response, and the like, commensurate with a 10 reasonable benefit/risk ratio, and effective for their intended use, as well as the zwitterionic forms, where possible, of the compounds of the invention. The term "salts" refers to the relatively non-toxic, inorganic and organic acid addition salts of compounds of the 15 present invention. These salts can be prepared *in situ* during the final isolation and purification of the compounds or by separately reacting the purified compound in its free base form with a suitable organic or inorganic acid and isolating the salt thus formed. 20 Representative salts include the hydrobromide, hydrochloride, sulfate, bisulfate, nitrate, acetate, oxalate, valerate, oleate, palmitate, stearate, laureate, borate, benzoate, lactate, phosphate, tosylate, citrate, maleate, fumarate, succinate, 25 tartrate, naphtholate mesylate, glucoheptonate, lactobionate and laurylsulphonate salts, and the like. These may include cations based on the alkali and alkaline earth metals, such as sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium and the like, as well as 30 nontoxic ammonium, quaternary ammonium, and amine cations including, but not limited to ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, ethylamine, and the like. (See, for example, 35 S.M. Berge, et al., "Pharmaceutical Salts," J. Pharm.

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Sci., 1977;66:1-19 which is incorporated herein by reference.)

5 Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic esters of the compounds of this invention include C₁-C₆ alkyl esters wherein the alkyl group is a straight or branched chain. Acceptable esters also include C₅-C₇ cycloalkyl esters as well as arylalkyl esters such as, but not limited to benzyl. C₁-C₄ alkyl esters are preferred. Esters of the compounds of the present
10 invention may be prepared according to conventional methods.

15 Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic amides of the compounds of this invention include amides derived from ammonia, primary C₁-C₆ alkyl amines and secondary C₁-C₆ dialkyl amines wherein the alkyl groups are straight or branched chain. In the case of secondary amines the amine may also be in the form of a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle containing one nitrogen atom. Amides derived from ammonia, C₁-C₃ alkyl primary
20 amines and C₁-C₂ dialkyl secondary amines are preferred. Amides of the compounds of the invention may be prepared according to conventional methods.

25 The term "prodrug" refers to compounds that are rapidly transformed in vivo to yield the parent compound of the above formulae, for example, by hydrolysis in blood. A thorough discussion is provided in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, "Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems," Vol 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, and in Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design,
30 ed. Edward B. Roche, American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press, 1987, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

35 The compounds of the present invention can be administered to a patient alone or as part of a composition that contains other components such as excipients, diluents, and carriers, all of which are

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well-known in the art. The compositions can be administered to humans and animals either orally, rectally, parenterally (intravenously, intramuscularly or subcutaneously), intracisternally, intravaginally, 5 intraperitoneally, intravesically, locally (powders, ointments or drops), or as a buccal or nasal spray.

Compositions suitable for parenteral injection may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or nonaqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or 10 emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile injectable solutions or dispersions. Examples of suitable aqueous and nonaqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), Cremophor EL (a derivative of castor oil and 15 ethylene oxide; purchased from Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO) and suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil), and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be 20 maintained, for example, by the use of a coating such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants.

These compositions may also contain adjuvants such as preserving, wetting, emulsifying, and dispensing 25 agents. Prevention of the action of microorganisms can be ensured by various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, parabens, chlorobutanol, phenol, sorbic acid, and the like. It may also be desirable to 30 include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride, and the like. Prolonged absorption of the injectable pharmaceutical form can be brought about by the use of agents delaying absorption, for example, aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

35 Solid dosage forms for oral administration include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In

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such solid dosage forms, the active compound is admixed with at least one inert customary excipient (or carrier) such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate or (a) fillers or extenders, as for example, starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and silicic acid; (b) binders, as for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin, polyvinylpyrrolidone, sucrose, and acacia; (c) humectants, as for example, glycerol; (d) disintegrating agents, as for example, agar-agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain complex silicates, and sodium carbonate; (e) solution retarders, as for example paraffin; (f) absorption accelerators, as for example, quaternary ammonium compounds; (g) wetting agents, as for example, cetyl alcohol and glycerol monostearate; (h) adsorbents, as for example, kaolin and bentonite; and (i) lubricants, as for example, talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, or mixtures thereof. In the case of capsules, tablets, and pills, the dosage forms may also comprise buffering agents.

Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethyleneglycols, and the like.

Solid dosage forms such as tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells, such as enteric coatings and others well-known in the art. They may contain opacifying agents, and can also be of such composition that they release the active compound or compounds in a certain part of the intestinal tract in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions which can be used are polymeric substances and waxes. The active compounds can also be in micro-encapsulated form, if

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appropriate, with one or more of the above-mentioned excipients.

Liquid dosage forms for oral administration include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, and elixirs. In addition to the active compounds, the liquid dosage forms may contain inert diluents commonly used in the art, such as water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers, as for example, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butyleneglycol, dimethylformamide, oils, in particular, cottonseed oil, groundnut oil, corn germ oil, olive oil, castor oil and sesame oil, glycerol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, Cremophor EL (a derivative of castor oil and ethylene oxide; purchased from Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO), polyethyleneglycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan or mixtures of these substances, and the like.

Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth, or mixtures of these substances, and the like.

Compositions for rectal administrations are preferably suppositories which can be prepared by mixing the compounds of the present invention with suitable non-irritating excipients or carriers such as cocoa butter, polyethyleneglycol, or a suppository wax, which are solid at ordinary temperatures but liquid at

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body temperature and therefore, melt in the rectum or vaginal cavity and release the active component.

Dosage forms for topical administration of a compound of this invention include ointments, powders, sprays, and inhalants. The active component is admixed under sterile conditions with a physiologically acceptable carrier and any preservatives, buffers, or propellants as may be required. Ophthalmic formulations, eye ointments, powders, and solutions are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

The compounds of the present invention can be administered to a patient at dosage levels in the range of about 0.1 to about 2,000 mg per day. For a normal human adult having a body weight of about 70 kilograms, a dosage in the range of about 0.01 to about 100 mg per kilogram of body weight per day is preferable. The specific dosage used, however, can vary. For example, the dosage can depend on a number of factors including the requirements of the patient, the severity of the condition being treated, and the pharmacological activity of the compound being used. The determination of optimum dosages for a particular patient is well known to those skilled in the art.

The compounds of the present invention can exist in different stereoisomeric forms by virtue of the presence of asymmetric centers in the compounds. It is contemplated that all stereoisomeric forms of the compounds as well as mixtures thereof, including racemic mixtures, form part of this invention.

In addition, the compounds of the present invention can exist in unsolvated as well as solvated forms with pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol, and the like. In general, the solvated forms are considered equivalent to the unsolvated forms for the purposes of the present invention.

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The examples presented below are intended to illustrate particular embodiments of the invention, and are not intended to limit the scope of the specification or the claims in any way.

5 Scheme 1 shows a general method by which the compounds of the present invention can be prepared, by illustrating the synthesis of [1-[(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-(phenethyl-carbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester
10 (Example 2). Reductive amination of 4-benzyloxybenzaldehyde with glycine methyl ester hydrochloride was carried out in methylene chloride with sodium triacetoxyborohydride. The (4-benzyloxybenzylamino)acetic acid methyl ester was then
15 coupled to Cbz-His in dimethylformamide with 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) as coupling agents. The resulting product was saponified using lithium hydroxide at 0°C, followed by coupling with phenethylamine hydrochloride
20 in dimethylformamide, with HOBt and DCC as coupling agents, and in the presence of triethylamine.

The following abbreviations are used herein:

Abbreviations

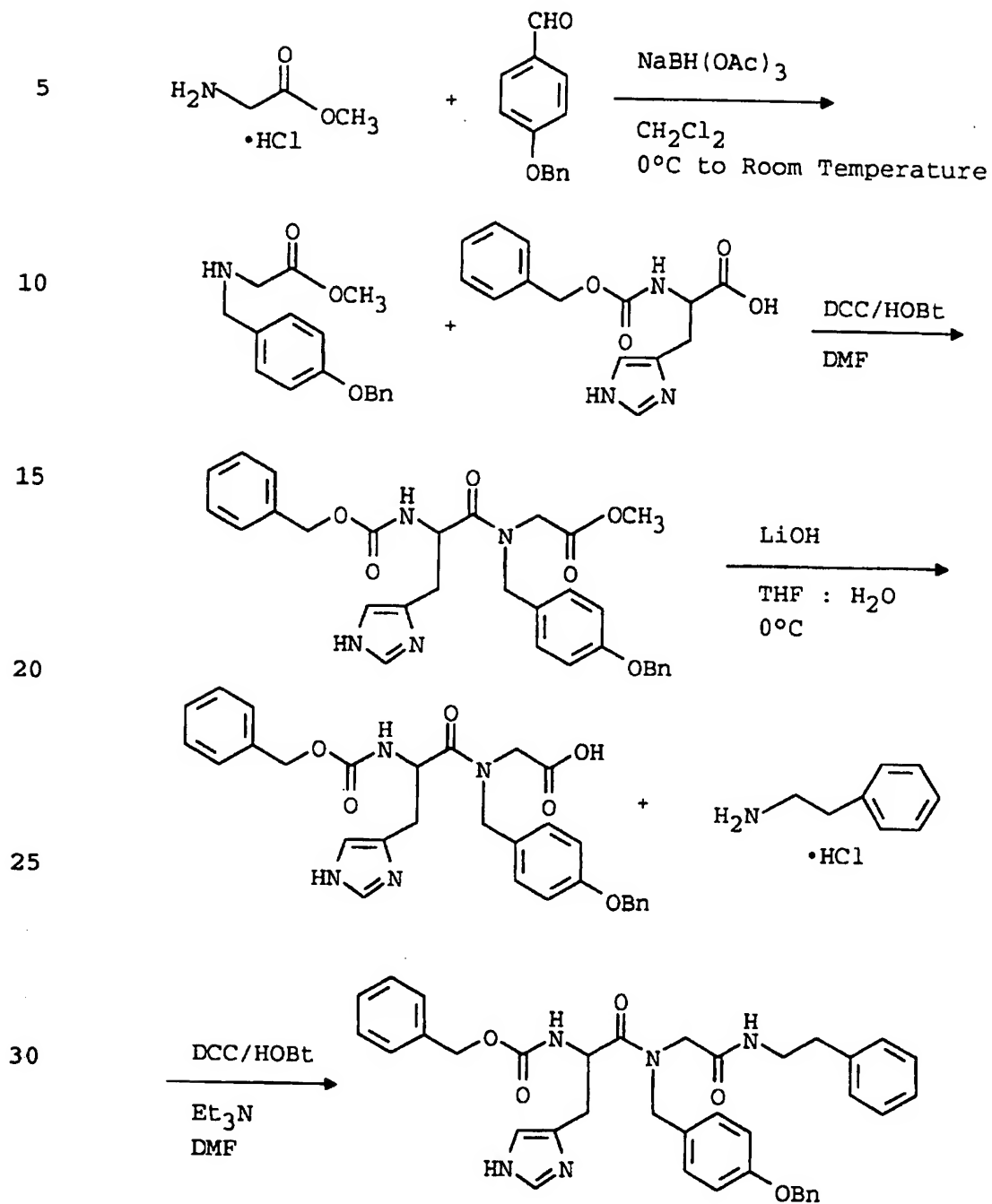
25	Cbz or Z	Carbobenzoxo
	His	Histidine
	Trt	trityl
	TEA	Triethylamine
	HOAc	Acetic acid
30	Et ₂ O	Diethylether
	tBu	tert-Butyl
	TFA	Trifluoroacetic acid
	ES-MS	Electrospray Mass Spectrometry
	FAB-MS	Fast Atom Bombardment Mass Spectrometry
35	HOBt	1-Hydroxybenzotriazole
	DCC	Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide

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	THF	Tetrahydrofuran
	PyBOP	Benzotriazole-1-yl-oxy-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate
	DIEA	Diisopropylethylamine
5	DMF	Dimethylformamide
	Et ₃ N	Triethylamine
	OAc	Acetate
	Et ₂ O	Diethyl ether
	Boc	tert-Butoxycarbonyl
10	iBuOCOC1	Isobutylchloroformate
	NMM	N-methylmorpholine
	DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide

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SCHEME 1



Bn is benzyl.

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Scheme 2 shows a method by which compounds of the present invention can be prepared, by illustrating the synthesis of Example 15, [1-((4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

5 Reductive amination of 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde with glycine methyl ester was carried out in methylene chloride with sodium triacetoxymethylborohydride. The (4-benzyloxybenzylamino) acetic acid methyl ester was

10 then coupled to Cbz-His-(trityl) in methylene chloride with benzotriazole-1-yl-oxy-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBOP) as coupling agent in the presence of diisopropylethylamine (DIEA) as the base. The resulting product was saponified

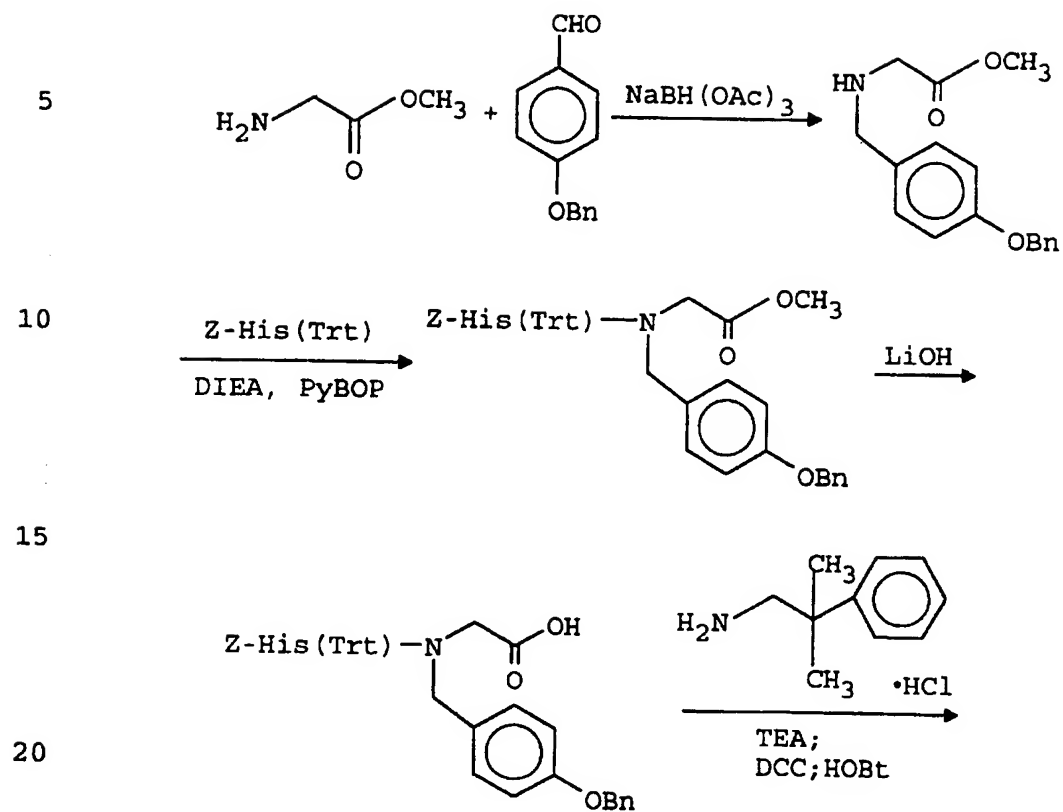
15 using lithium hydroxide at 0°C, followed by coupling with β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride in methylene chloride, with 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) as coupling agents, and triethylamine. The trityl group was removed in the

20 presence of acetic acid in water, at reflux. The β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride was prepared from benzyl cyanide, which was treated with 2 equivalents of sodium hydride in tetrahydrofuran (THF) and 2 equivalents of methyl iodide in THF

25 followed by hydrogenation (H_2 , Pd/C, ammonia) and treatment with HCl to give the HCl salt.

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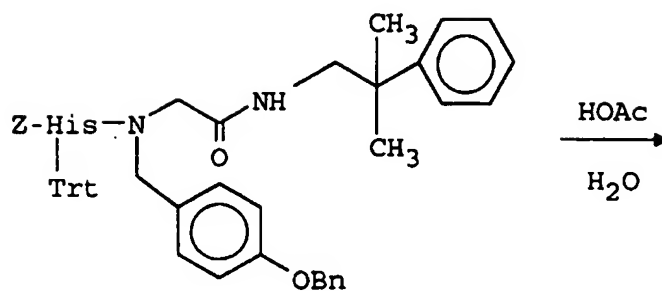
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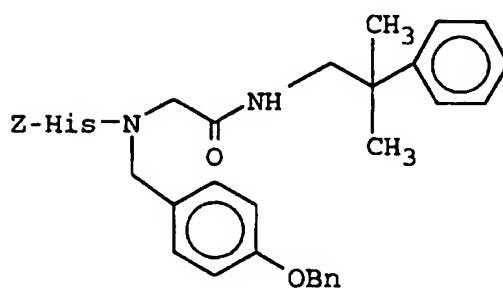
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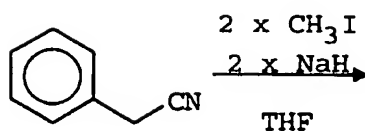


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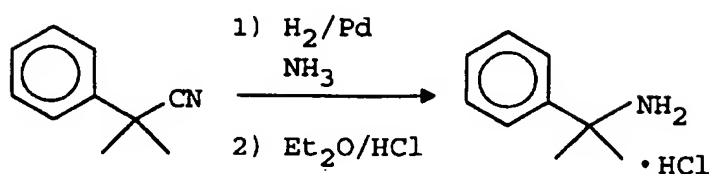


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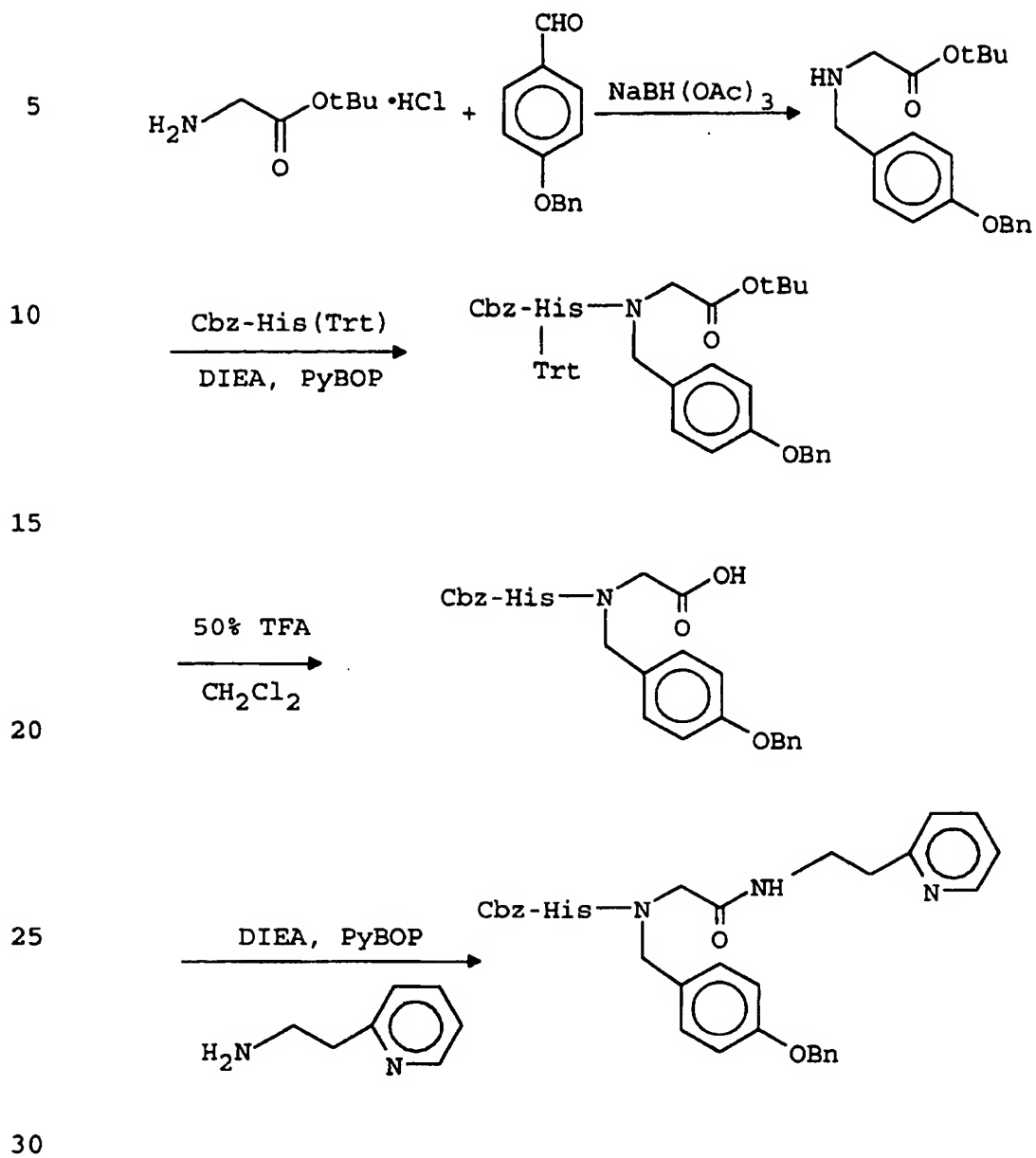
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Scheme 3 shows a method by which the compounds of the present invention can be prepared, by illustrating the synthesis of Example 8, [1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester. Reductive amination of 4-benzyloxy benzaldehyde with glycine t-butyl ester was carried out in methylene chloride with sodium triacetoxyborohydride. The (4-benzyloxybenzylamino)acetic acid t-butyl ester was then coupled to Cbz-histidine-(trityl) in methylene chloride with PyBOP as coupling agent and DIEA as the base. The resulting product was deprotected by treatment with 50% trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride. Coupling with 2-pyridineethaneamine in methylene chloride was carried out with PyBOP as coupling agent, and diisopropylethylamine as the base.

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SCHEME 3

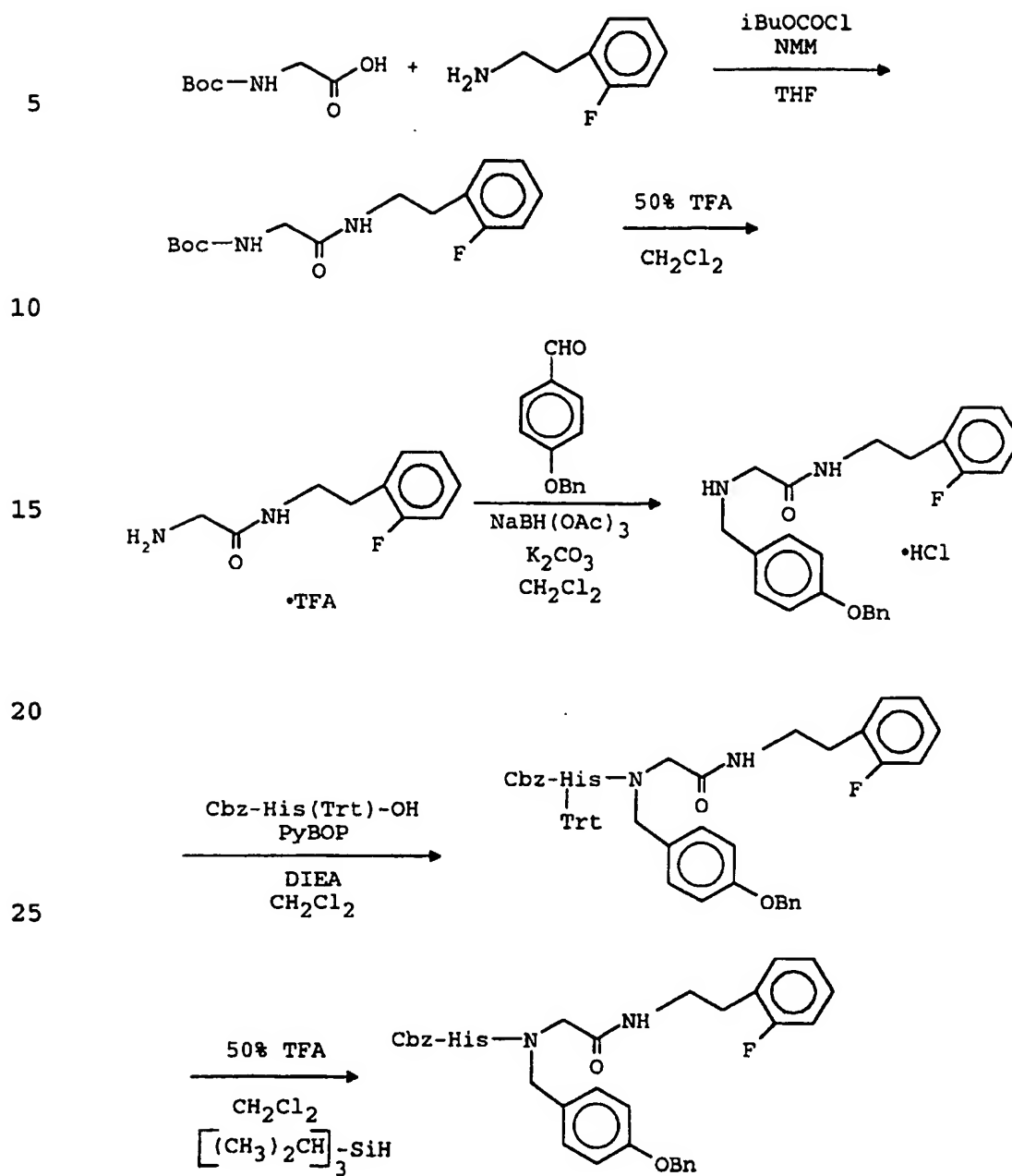


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Scheme 4 shows a method by which the compounds of the present invention can be prepared, by illustrating the synthesis of Example 7, [1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-([2-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester. Boc-glycine was coupled to 2-fluoro-phenethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (THF) in the presence of isobutylchloroformate as coupling agent and N-methylmorpholine as the base. The Boc group was then removed by treatment with 50% TFA in methylene chloride for 30 minutes. Reductive amination of 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde with N-[2-(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-glycinamide TFA salt was carried out in methylene chloride with sodium triacetoxyborohydride and potassium acetate as the base. The N-[2-(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-N^α-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-glycinamide·HCl was then coupled to Cbz-histidine-(trityl) in methylene chloride with benzotriazole-1-yl-oxy-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBOP) as coupling agent and diisopropylethylamine as the base. The resulting product was deprotected by treatment with 50% trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride, with trisopropylsilane as the scavenger.

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SCHEME 4

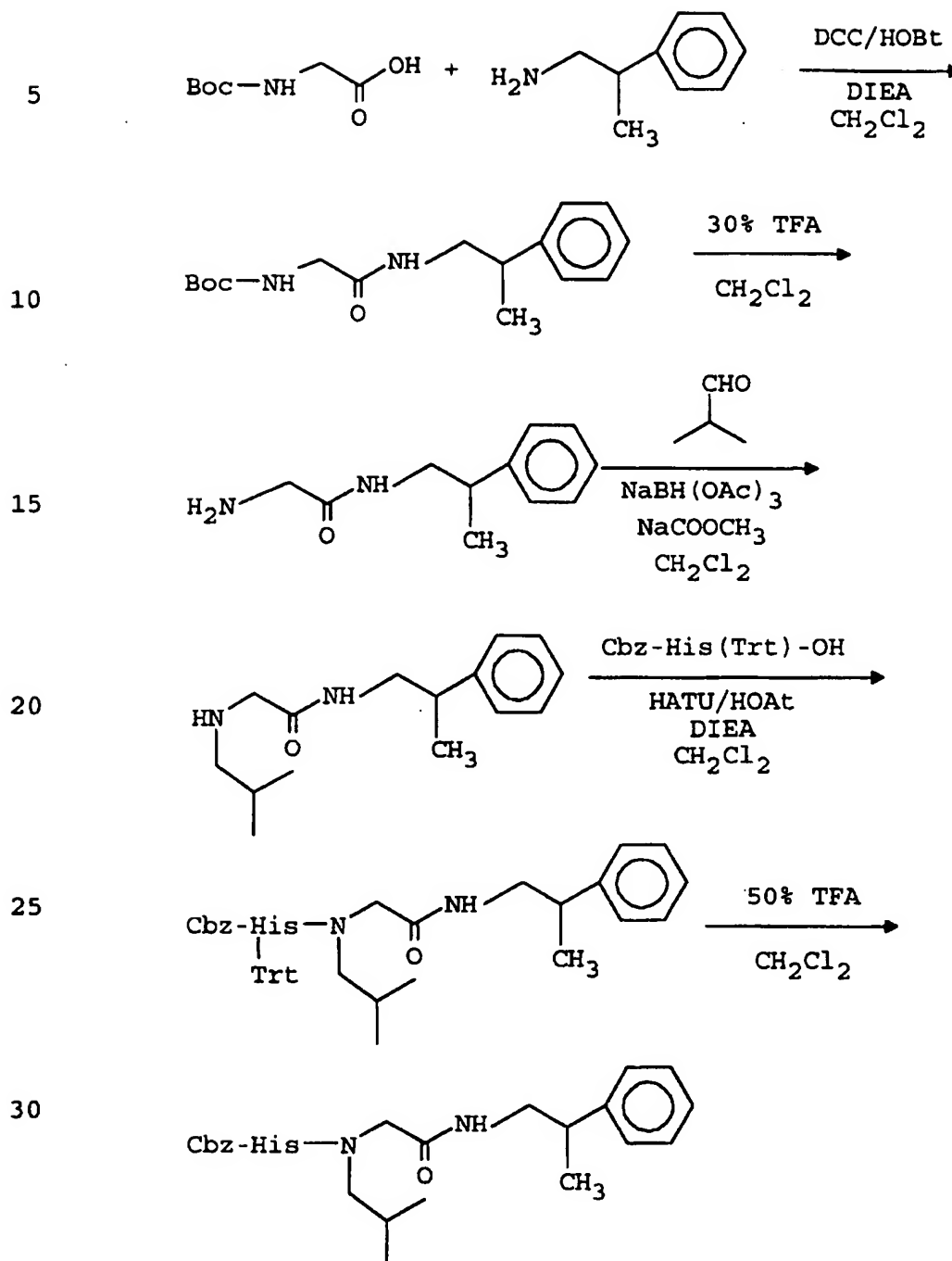


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Scheme 5 shows a method by which the compounds of the present invention can be prepared, by illustrating the synthesis of Example 62, (2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester. Boc-glycine was coupled to β -methylphenethylamine in methylene chloride, in the presence of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and 1-hydroxy-benzotriazole (HOBT) as coupling agents and diisopropylethylamine as the base. The boc group was then removed by treatment with 30% TFA in methylene chloride for 2 hours and reductive amination of isobutyraldehyde in methylene chloride with sodium triacetoxyborohydride and sodium acetate as the base was carried out. The above product was then coupled to Cbz-histidine-(trityl) in methylene chloride with O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU) and 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole(HOAt) as coupling agents and diisopropylethylamine as the base. The resulting product was deprotected by treatment with 50% trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride.

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SCHEME 5



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EXAMPLE 1

(S)-N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl-N-[2-(phenylmethoxy)ethyl]-N²-[[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]-methyl]glycinamide

5 Step 1: (4-Benzyloxybenzylamino)acetic acid methyl ester

To a mixture of glycine methyl ester hydrochloride (2.07 g, 16.5 mmol) and 4-benzyloxybenzaldehyde (3.18 g, 15.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0°C was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (3.81 g, 18.0 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours. Aqueous NaHCO₃ was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (75% ethyl acetate/hexane) gave 1.98 g (46%) of the title compound as a white solid; mp 57-58°C.

20 Step 2: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl]-N-[[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]methyl]glycine methyl ester

To a suspension of CBZ-histidine (1.22 g, 4.21 mmol) in DMF (dimethylformamide) (10 mL) was added HOBT (hydroxybenzotriazole) hydrate (0.77 g, 5.05 mmol) and DCC (dicyclohexylcarbodiimide) (1.04 g, 5.05 mmol). The amine from Step 1 above (1.20 g, 4.21 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was diluted with CHCl₃, washed twice with saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography gave 1.68 g (72%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS (electrospray mass spectrometry) 557 (m + 1).

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Step 3: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl]-
N-[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenylmethyl]glycine

To a solution of the ester from Step 2 (1.53 g, 2.75 mmol) in THF (tetrahydrofuran) (15 mL) and H₂O (5 mL) at 0°C was added LiOH hydrate (0.14 g, 3.30 mmol), and the solution was stirred 5 hours at 0°C. The solution was concentrated, the residue taken up in H₂O, and the pH was adjusted to 4-5 with 1N HCl. The resulting mixture was concentrated and dried in vacuo to afford 1.65 g of the title compound as a white solid; FAB-MS 543 (m + 1).

Analysis calculated for C₃₀H₃₀N₄O₆·1.2 LiCl·2.0 H₂O:

C, 57.24; H, 5.44; N, 8.90.

Found: C, 57.35; H, 5.32; N, 8.62.

Step 4: (S)-N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl-
N-[2-(phenylmethoxy)-
ethyl]-N²-[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenylmethyl]-
glycinamide

To a solution of the acid from Step 3 (2.9 g, 5.33 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) was added HOBt hydrate (0.98 g, 6.39 mmol) and DCC (1.32 g, 6.39 mmol) followed by 2-benzyloxyethylamine hydrochloride (1.0 g, 5.33 mmol). Et₃N (triethylamine) (0.82 mL, 5.86 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was diluted with CHCl₃, washed twice with saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (2-5% Methanol/CHCl₃) gave 2.25 g (63%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 676 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 2

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-(phenethyl-carbamoyl-
methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-
carbamic acid benzyl ester

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(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-(phenethyl-carbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester can be made according to Example 1, Step 4, by substituting phenethylamine for 2-benzyloxyethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white solid; ES-MS 646 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 3

(S)-[1-[[2-Benzyloxy-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-[4-chlorobenzyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

(S)-[1-[[2-Benzyloxy-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-[4-chlorobenzyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester can be made according to Example 1, Step 1, by substituting 4-chlorobenzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxybenzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white solid; ES-MS 604 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 4

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propyl)-carbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]carbamic acid benzyl ester

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propyl)-carbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]carbamic acid benzyl ester can be prepared according to Example 1, Step 4, by substituting β -methylphenethylamine for 2-benzyloxyethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound was obtained as a white solid; ES-MS 660 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 5

(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2,2-diphenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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(S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2,2-diphenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester can be prepared according to Example 1, Step 4, by substituting
5 2,2-diphenylethylamine for 2-benzyloxyethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound was obtained as a white powder; ES-MS 722 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 6

10 (S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 1, Step 2, by substituting benzyl-urea-histidine (Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine. The title
15 compound is obtained as a white solid; ES-MS 659 (m + 1).

Step 1: Benzyl-urea-histidine methyl ester

20 To a solution of histidine methyl ester hydrochloride (2.0 g, 4.3 mmol) in methylene chloride, at 0°C, was added benzyl isocyanate (0.58 mL, 0.63 g, 4.7 mmol) and triethylamine (1.32 mL, 9.5 mmol), and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature.
25 The solution was concentrated and the residue taken up in ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with water, saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam (1.09 g, 84%).

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Step 2: Benzyl-urea-histidine

To a solution of the ester from Step 1 (1.9 g, 3.5 mmol) in THF:methanol (10 mL each) and water (2 mL) was added sodium hydroxide (0.4 g, 10 mmol), and the
35 solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solution was added to 1N HCl:ethyl acetate (30 mL

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each). The organic layer was separated and washed with 1N HCl, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam (0.53 g, 53%); ES-MS 289 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 6a

(S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-
3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-
methyl]-propionamide

10 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 1, Step 2, by substituting benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl) (Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine and Step 4, by substituting β -methylphenethylamine for 2-benzoyloxyethylamine hydrochloride. The title
15 compound is obtained as a white solid; ES-MS 659 ($m + 1$).

Step 1: Benzyl-urea-histidine-trityl methyl ester

20 To a solution of histidine-trityl methyl ester hydrochloride (2.0 g, 4.3 mmol) in methylene chloride, at 0°C, was added benzyl isocyanate (0.58 mL, 0.63 g, 4.7 mmol) and triethylamine (1.32 mL, 9.5 mmol), and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solution was concentrated and the residue taken up
25 in ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with water, saturated NaHCO_3 , brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam (1.95 g, 83%).

30 Step 2: Benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl)·HCl

To a solution of the ester from Step 1 (1.9 g, 3.5 mmol) in THF:methanol (10 mL each) and water (2 mL) was added sodium hydroxide (0.4 g, 10 mmol), and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature.
35 The solution was added to 1N aqueous HCl:ethyl acetate (30 mL each). The organic layer was separated and

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washed with 1N HCl, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam (1.0 g, 53%); ES-MS 531 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 7

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-{2-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl}-methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

10 Step 1: N^α-Boc-N-[2-(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-glycinamide

To a solution of Boc-glycine (1.75 g, 10 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0°C was added isobutylchloroformate (1.3 mL, 10 mmol), followed by N-methylmorpholine (1.1 mL, 10 mmol). The resulting suspension was stirred for 5 minutes at 0°C, then treated with 2-[(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-amine (10 mmol). The suspension was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was treated with 1N HCl and was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed successively with water, a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, and then water. The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% methanol in methylene chloride) gave 1.93 g (65%) of the title compound as a white solid; CI-MS 297 (m + 1).

Step 2: N-[2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-glycinamide trifluoroacetic acid salt

To a solution of the compound from Step 1 above (1.92 g, 6.48 mmol) in methylene chloride (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (20 mL). The solution was stirred for 30 minutes, then concentrated. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride and reconcentrated to give the title compound as an oil. This was used in the next reaction without characterization.

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Step 3: N-[2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-Nα-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-glycinamide hydrochloric salt

To a suspension of the compound from Step 2 above (6.48 mmol), 4-benzyloxybenzaldehyde (1.38 g, 6.48 mmol) and potassium acetate (1.27 g, 12.96 mmol) in methylene chloride (50 mL), cooled to 0°C, was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.79 g, 8.43 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 3 hours. The reaction was treated with a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride (2 × 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether and treated with 1N HCl (8 mL). The precipitate was collected by filtration to give 1.46 g (52.6%) of the title compound as an off-white solid; CI-MS 393 (m + 1).

Step 4: [1-((Benzyloxy-benzyl)-([2-(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl-carbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1-trityl-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of (S)-(2-benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-(1-trityl)-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-propionic acid (Cbz-histidine-(trityl)) (Hudspeth J.P., Kaltenbronn J.S., Repine J.T., Roark W.H., Stier M.A., Renin Inhibitors III, United States Patent Number 4,735,933; 1988) (0.532 g, 1.0 mmol) in methylene chloride (20 mL) was added diisopropylethylamine (0.48 mL, 2.75 mmol) and benzotriazole-1-yl-oxy-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (0.520 g, 1.0 mmol). The mixture was then treated with the amine hydrochloride salt (0.429 g, 1.0 mmol) from Step 3 above and stirred for 4 hours. The reaction was treated with a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride

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(2 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. Flash chromatography (2% methanol in methylene chloride) gave 0.501 g (55%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 906.5 (m + 1).

Step 5: [1-((4-Benzylloxy-benzyl)-([2-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of the trityl compound (0.49 g, 0.54 mmol) from Step 4 above in methylene chloride (5 mL) was added TFA (5 mL) and triisopropylsilane (0.25 mL). The solution was stirred for 3 hours, then concentrated. The residue was partitioned between a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% methanol in methylene chloride) gave 0.248 g (37%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 664.4 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 8

(S)-[1-((4-Benzylloxy-benzyl)-([2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

Step 1: (4-Benzylloxylbenzylamino) acetic acid t-butyl ester

To a mixture of glycine t-butyl ester hydrochloride (0.84 g, 5 mmol), and 4-benzylloxy-benzaldehyde (0.53 g, 2.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) at 0°C was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.81 g, 3.8 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Aqueous NaHCO_3 was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The

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aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (ethyl acetate) gave 0.38 g (59%) of the title compound as a white solid.

Step 2: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl-trityl]-N-[[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]methyl]-glycine t-butyl ester

To a suspension of Cbz-histidine-(trityl) (0.89 g, 1.7 mmol) in methylene chloride (25 mL) was added PyBOP (2.63 g, 5.05 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (0.68 mL, 3.9 mmol). The amine from Step 1 above (0.38 g, 1.5 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue taken up in ethyl acetate, which was washed 3 times with saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography gave 0.59 g (51%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 841 (m + 1).

Step 3: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl]-N-[[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]methyl]glycine

To a solution of the ester from Step 2 (0.59 g, 0.76 mmol), 50% trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride (25 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The solution was concentrated in vacuo. Cold diethyl ether was added to the residue, and the solution was left at 4°C overnight. A white precipitate was obtained, filtered, and dried; 0.33 g (80%).

Step 4: [1-[(4-Benzylloxy-benzyl)-[(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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To a solution of the acid from Step 3 (0.33 g, 0.61 mmol) in methylene chloride was added PyBOP (0.67 g, 1.3 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (0.23 mL, 1.3 mmol) followed by 2-pyridineethaneamine hydrochloride (0.082 g, 0.67 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue taken up in ethyl acetate, which was washed 3 times with saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography gave 0.156 g (37%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 647 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 9

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-{[2-(2-bromo-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting 2-bromo-phenethylamine (Steps 1 and 2) for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (10%); ES-MS 725 (m + 1).

Step 1: o-Bromo-nitrostyrene

To a solution of o-bromo-benzaldehyde (4 g, 21.6 mmol) and nitromethane (1.32 g, 21.6 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added NaOH (0.908 g, 22.7 mmol) in 1 mL of H₂O. After 45 minutes, the precipitate was dissolved in 10 mL of H₂O. The product precipitated out after the addition of 6N HCl. The product was recrystallized from ethanol; 0.312 g (6%).

Step 2: 2-Bromo phenethylamine

To the styrene of Step 1 (0.310 g, 1.3 mmol) in 5 mL of THF was added 1 M LiAlH₄ solution in THF (5.2 mL, 5.2 mmol) at 0°C. The solution was stirred

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for 1 hour. A concentrated KHSO_4 solution was added dropwise to destroy the excess of LiAlH_4 . The solution was filtered over celite and the filtrate concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow oil; 150 mg (58%).

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EXAMPLE 10

(S)-1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[(R)-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting L-amphetamine for β, β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (90%); ES-MS 660 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 11

(S)-1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[(S)-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting D-amphetamine for β, β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam; ES-MS 660 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 12

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting 2-[α -(aminomethyl)-benzyl]pyridine hydrochloride (Step 1) for 2-pyridineethane-amine·HCl. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (64%); ES-MS 723 (m + 1).

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Step 1: 2-[α -(Aminomethyl)benzyl]pyridine
hydrochloride

α -(2-Pyridyl)-phenylacetonitrile (97.1 g, 0.5 mol) was reduced with Raney cobalt (25 g) and triethylamine (25 mL) in toluene (500 mL). The solution was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether, and HCl was bubbled in. The hydrochloride salt precipitated out of the solution.

EXAMPLE 13

(S)-[1-((4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethane-amine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-chloro-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (17%); ES-MS 588 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 14

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting 2-amino-1-phenylethanol for β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (47%); ES-MS 662 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 15

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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Step 1: (4-Benzoyloxybenzylamino) acetic acid methyl ester

To a mixture of glycine methyl ester hydrochloride (2.07 g, 16.5 mmol), and 4-benzoyloxy-benzaldehyde (3.18 g, 15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0°C was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (3.81 g, 18 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Aqueous NaHCO₃ was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (ethyl acetate) gave 1.98 g (46%) of the title compound as a white solid; mp 57-58°C.

Step 2: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl-trityl]-N-[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]-methyl-glycine methyl ester

To a suspension of Cbz-histidine-(trityl) (2.24 g, 4.21 mmol) in methylene chloride (25 mL) was added PyBOP (2.63 g, 5.05 mmol) and DIEA (1.46 mL; 8.4 mmol). The amine from Step 1 above (1.20 g, 4.21 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue taken up in ethyl acetate, which was washed 3 times with saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash chromatography gave 1.68 g (72%) of the title compound as a white foam; ES-MS 557 (m + 1).

Step 3: N-[N-[(Phenylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidyl-trityl]-N-[4-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl]-methyl-glycine

To a solution of the ester from Step 2 (1.53 g, 2.75 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and H₂O (5 mL) at 0°C was added LiOH hydrate (0.14 g, 3.30 mmol), and the

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solution was stirred 5 hours at 0°C. The solution was concentrated, the residue taken up in H₂O, and the pH was adjusted to 4-5 with 1N HCl. The resulting mixture was concentrated and dried in vacuo to afford 1.65 g of the title compound as a white solid; FAB-MS 543 (m + 1).

Step 4: β,β -Dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride

Sodium hydride (60% in oil) (17 g, 0.43 mol) was suspended in THF (150 mL) and cooled to 0°C under nitrogen. Benzyl cyanide (22.2 g, 0.19 mol) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction was left to stir for 1 hour. Iodomethane (24.9 mL, 0.4 mol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise at 0°C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight, under nitrogen. The solution was filtered and the filtrate removed in vacuo. The residue was taken up in ethyl acetate (100 mL) and washed 3 times with 10% NaHSO₃, saturated NaHCO₃, brine, and dried over MgSO₄, concentrated; 22.74 g (92%).

Reduction of the above product was carried out in the presence of Raney nickel, in methanol/NH₃. The catalyst was removed and washed with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated, and diethyl ether (100 mL) was added to the residue. Concentrated HCl was added dropwise to precipitate the desired product; 24.8 g (86%).

Step 5: [1-((4-Benzylloxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3-trityl-3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of the acid from Step 3 (2.9 g, 5.33 mmol) in methylene chloride was added HOBt hydrate (0.98 g, 6.39 mmol) and DCC (1.32 g, 6.39 mmol) followed by β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride

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(from Step 4) (0.99 g, 5.33 mmol). Triethylamine (0.82 mL, 5.86 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was diluted with CHCl_3 , washed twice with saturated NaHCO_3 , brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. Flash chromatography (2%-5% methanol/ CHCl_3) gave 2.25 g (63%) of the title compound; ES-MS 917 ($m + 1$).

Step 6: (S)-[1-((4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of the trityl compound from Step 5 (2.25 g, 2.4 mmol) was added glacial acetic acid (20 mL) and water (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 90°C for 30 minutes, then cooled and concentrated. The residue was taken up in ethyl acetate. The organic solution was washed twice with saturated NaHCO_3 , brine, and dried over MgSO_4 . The solution was concentrated and the compound purified by flash chromatography (0%-8% methanol in methylene chloride) to give the title compound (1.5 g, 2.2 mmol, 93%) as a white foam; ES-MS 674 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 16

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-((2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting β -ethylbenzene-ethamine hydrochloride (Step 1) for β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (55%); ES-MS 674 ($m + 1$).

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Step 1: β -Ethylbenzeneethamine hydrochloride

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This compound is synthesized by catalytic reduction of 2-phenylbutyronitrile as exemplified in B.K. Trivedi, et al., J. Med. Chem., 1993;36:3300-3307.

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EXAMPLE 17

(S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-2-(3-phenyl-propionylamino)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 2, by substituting phenylpropionyl-histidine-(trityl) (Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl) and Step 5 by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a

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Step 1: Phenylpropionyl-histidine-(trityl) methyl ester

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To a solution of histidine-(trityl) methyl ester hydrochloride (2.0 g, 4.2 mmol) and methyl piperidine (1.07 mL, 8.8 mmol) in methylene chloride at 0°C was added slowly 3-phenylpropionyl chloride (0.62 mL, 4.2 mmol), and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. Ethyl acetate was added and washed

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twice with water, saturated NaHCO_3 , brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam; 2.0 g (88%).

Step 2: Phenylpropionyl-histidine-(trityl)

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To a solution of the ester from Step 1 (2.0 g, 3.7 mmol) in THF:methanol (10 mL each) and water (2 mL) was added sodium hydroxide (0.44 g, 11 mmol), and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solvent was removed in vacuo and 5 mL of H_2O was

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added, followed by 1N HCl, to obtain pH 3. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic was

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washed with 1N HCl, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. The product was obtained as a white foam (2.18 g); ES-MS 529 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 18

(S)-[1-((4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-fluoro-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (78%); ES-MS 572 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 19

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-methyl-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (66%); ES-MS 568 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 20

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-methoxy-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (33%); ES-MS 583 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 21

(S)-[1-[[[2-(2-Amino-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-
(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-
ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

5 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 8, Step 4, by substituting 2-amino- β -
methylphenethylamine (Step 1) for 2-pyridineethane-
amine·HCl. The title compound is obtained as a white
foam (33%); ES-MS 675 (m + 1).

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Step 1: 2-Amino- β -methylphenethylamine

Reduction of 4-methyl-cinnoline (10 g, 69.5 mmol)
in methanol (100 mL), using Raney nickel (3 g). The
catalyst was removed and washed with methanol. The
15 filtrate was treated with an excess of HCl in
isopropanol; ether was then added and the solution
cooled. The precipitate was filtered and dried; 9.4 g
(60%).

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EXAMPLE 22

(S)-[1-[(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-
propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-
yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

25 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1, by substituting p-fluoro-
benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy benzaldehyde. The title
compound is obtained as a white foam (87%); ES-MS 586
(m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 23

(S)-[1-(Benzyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid
benzyl ester

35 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-
phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in

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Step 1, by substituting benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (57%); ES-MS 554 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 24

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-([2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

10 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting o-chloro- β -phenyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride (Steps 1 and 2) for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (37%); ES-MS 756 (m + 1).

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Step 1: 2-Phenyl-3-(2-chloro-phenyl) cyanide

Bromine (2 mL) was added dropwise to 2-chloro-benzylcyanide (5 g, 32 mmol) at 90°C over 1 hour with stirring. Nitrogen was passed over the reaction to remove HBr. The reaction was heated for 15 minutes, 20 and benzene (2 mL) was then added. This solution was added dropwise to a refluxing solution of AlCl₃ (4.2 g, 32 mmol) in benzene (15 mL) over 2 hours. The reaction was refluxed 1 hour. The reaction was cooled and poured onto ice (200 g) and concentrated HCl (20 mL). 25 The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether and diethyl ether:benzene (1:1). The organic solution was washed twice with H₂O, saturated NaHCO₃, brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to give an orange oil; 6.3 g (86%).

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Step 2: o-Chloro- β -phenyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride

Reduction of the product from Step 1 was carried out in the presence of Raney nickel, in methanol/NH₃. 35 The catalyst was removed and washed with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated and ethanol (100 mL) was

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added to the residue. Concentrated HCl was added slowly until pH 3. The volume of ethanol was reduced in vacuo to about 5 mL, and the HCl salt was precipitated by the addition of diethyl ether; 1.84 g (68%).

EXAMPLE 25

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-ethyl-2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting β,β -diethylbenzene-ethaneamine hydrochloride (Step 1) for β,β -dimethyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (52%); ES-MS 702 ($m + 1$).

Step 1: β,β -Diethylbenzeneethaneamine hydrochloride

This compound is synthesized by diethylating phenylacetone nitrile followed by catalytic reduction as exemplified in B.K. Trivedi, et al., J. Med. Chem., 1993;36:3300-3307.

EXAMPLE 26

(S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 2, by substituting benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl) (Steps 1 and 2, Example 6) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl), and Step 5, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride for β,β -dimethyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (64%); ES-MS 659 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 27

(S)-N-(4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide

5 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 2, by substituting benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl)·HCl (Steps 1 and 2, Example 6) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl), and Step 5, by substituting
10 β-ethylbenzeneethamine hydrochloride (Step 1, Example 16) for β,β-dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (93%); ES-MS 673 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 28

15 (S)-[1-[(2-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

20 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β-methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting o-chloro-benzaldehyde for 4-benzoyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (40%); ES-MS 588 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 29

25 (S)-[1-[(4-Bromo-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

30 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β-methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-bromo-benzaldehyde for 4-benzoyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (91%); ES-MS 633 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 30

(S)-[1-((3-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

5 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting m-chloro-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is
10 obtained as a white foam (10%); ES-MS 588 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 31

(S)-[1-((4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

15 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting p-chloro-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (33%); ES-MS 602
20 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 32

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl]-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

25 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting o-chloro- β -methyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride (Steps 1 and 2) for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl. The title compound is
30 obtained as a white foam (41%); ES-MS 694 (m + 1).

Step 1: 2-Methyl-3-(2-chloro-phenyl) cyanide

35 To a suspension of NaNH₂ powder (0.6 g, 15.5 mmol) in THF (15 mL), 2-chlorophenylacetonitrile (2 g, 13 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. A solution of methyl iodide

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(2.18 g, 15.5 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was then added, and the solution was refluxed for an additional 3 hours. The reaction was cooled and treated with H₂O. The organic layer was separated and washed twice with 5% Na₂S₂O₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated; 1.93 g (93%).

Step 2: o-Chloro-β-methyl phenethylamine hydrochloride

Reduction of the product from Step 1 was carried out in the presence of Raney nickel, in methanol/NH₃. The catalyst was removed and washed with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated and diethyl ether (100 mL) was added to the residue. Concentrated HCl was added dropwise to precipitate the compound; 1.06 g (44%).

EXAMPLE 33

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β-methylphenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting o-methoxy-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (15%); ES-MS 584 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 34

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([(2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-[(4-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and Step 5 by substituting β-methylphenethylamine for β,β-dimethylphenethylamine

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hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (67%); ES-MS 661 (m + 1).

Step 1: 4-[(4-Pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde

5 This compound is synthesized as exemplified in J. Het. Chem., 1988;25:129.

EXAMPLE 35

10 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methylphenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in 15 Step 1, by substituting m-methoxy-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (14%); ES-MS 584 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 36

20 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-[(3-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and Step 5 by substituting 25 β -methylphenethylamine for β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (59%); ES-MS 661 (m + 1).

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Step 1: 4-[(3-Pyridyl)-methyloxy] benzaldehyde

This compound is synthesized as exemplified in J. Het. Chem., 1988;25:129.

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EXAMPLE 37

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-
[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-
carbamic acid benzyl ester

5 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 1-naphthalene-
carboxaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and Step 5
by substituting β -methylphenethylamine for
 β , β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title
10 compound is obtained as a white foam (15%); ES-MS 604
(m + 1).

EXAMPLE 38

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-phenyl-
15 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-
carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-
phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in
20 Step 1, by substituting p-trifluoromethyl-benzaldehyde
for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is
obtained as a white foam (13%); ES-MS 622 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 39

25 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-
propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-
carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

 The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1 by substituting 3-pyridin-aldehyde
30 for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is
obtained as a white foam (84%); ES-MS 569 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 40

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-
35 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-
benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-[(2-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (62%); ES-MS 675 (m + 1).

Step 1: 4-[(2-Pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde

This compound is synthesized as exemplified in J. Het. Chem., 1988;25:129.

EXAMPLE 41

(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 2, by substituting N-methyl-N-benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl) (Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl). The title compound is obtained as a white foam (79%); ES-MS 687 (m + 1).

Step 1: N-methyl-N-benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl) methyl ester

Histidine-(trityl) methyl ester hydrochloride (2.0 g, 4.2 mmol) was suspended in methylene chloride (20 mL,) and the solution was washed twice with saturated NaHCO₃, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and cooled to 0°C. Triethylamine (0.65 mL, 8.8 mmol) and 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate (0.93 g, 4.7 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at 0°C under nitrogen for 1.5 hours. N-benzyl-N-methylamine (1.14 mL, 8.8 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) was then added slowly, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight, under nitrogen. The solvent was removed, and ethyl acetate was added to the residue. The organic solution was washed twice with H₂O, saturated NaHCO₃, brine, and dried over MgSO₄, and

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concentrated. Chromatography using 1:1 ethyl acetate: hexanes gave a foam; 1.19 g (50%).

Step 2: N-methyl-N-benzyl-urea-histidine-(trityl)

5 The methyl ester from Step 1 (1.19 g, 2.1 mmol) was dissolved in THF:methanol (10 mL of each). 1N NaOH (6.3 mL, 6.3 mmol) was added, and the reaction was stirred overnight. The solvent was removed. 1N HCl (6.3 mL) was added and extracted with ethyl acetate.
10 The organic solution was then washed twice with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to give a white foam; 1.4 g.

EXAMPLE 42

15 (S)-[1-{Benzyl-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl}-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

20 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β,β -dimethyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride for 2-pyridineethanamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (42%); ES-MS 568 (m + 1).

25 EXAMPLE 43

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(2-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

30 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethanamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting o-methyl-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (49%); ES-MS 568 (m + 1).
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EXAMPLE 44

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methoxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

5 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β,β -dimethyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride for 2-pyridineethanamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-methoxy-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title
10 compound is obtained as a white foam (16%); ES-MS 598 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 45

(S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-((2-cyano-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

15 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 5, by substituting β -cyano-phenethylamine hydrochloride (Step 1) for β,β -dimethyl-phenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound is
20 obtained as a white foam (47%); ES-MS 671 (m + 1).

Step 1: β -Cyano-phenethylamine hydrochloride

25 This compound is synthesized according to the United States Patent No. 4,760,089, 1988, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

EXAMPLE 46

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

30 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, where Step 1 is carried out as shown below. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (63%);
35 ES-MS 569 (m + 1).

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Step 1: [(2-Pyridyl)-methylamino]-acetic acid methyl ester

A solution of 2-aminomethylpyridine (5.0 g, 46.2 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 mL) was treated with methyl bromoacetate (4.3 mL, 46.2 mmol) and triethylamine (6.5 mL, 46.2 mmol). After stirring for 1 hour at room temperature, the solution was heated at reflux overnight. The solution was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Chromatography eluting with 3% methanol in chloroform gave 2.73 g (33%) of pure product, as an oil.

EXAMPLE 47

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methyl-benzyl)-((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting m-methyl-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (52%); ES-MS 568 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 48

(S)-[1-((4-Dimethylamino-benzyl)-((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine for 2-pyridineethaneamine·HCl and in Step 1, by substituting p-dimethylamino-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (36%); ES-MS 597 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 49

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

5 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-[(4-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (93%); ES-MS 675 (m + 1).

10 Step 1: 4-[(4-Pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde

 This compound is synthesized as exemplified in J. Het. Chem., 1988;25:129.

EXAMPLE 50

15 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-[(3-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (56%); ES-MS 675 (m + 1).

20 Step 1: 4-[(3-Pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde

 This compound is synthesized as exemplified in J. Het. Chem., 1988;25:129.

EXAMPLE 51

30 (S)-[1-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

 The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting p-phenyl-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and in Step 5, by substituting β -methyl-phenethylamine

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hydrochloride for β,β -dimethylphenethylamine hydrochloride. The title compound was obtained as a white foam (33%); ES-MS 630 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 52

(S)-[1-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting p-phenyl-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound was obtained as a white foam (32%); ES-MS 644 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 53

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 7, Step 1, by substituting 2-chloro-phenethylamine for 2-[(2-fluorophenyl)-ethyl]-amine. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (89%); ES-MS 681 ($m + 1$).

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EXAMPLE 54

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid thiophen-3-ylmethyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 2, by substituting 3-thiophenemethyl-oxycarbonyl-histidine-(trityl) (Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl). The title compound is obtained as a white foam (40%); ES-MS 680 ($m + 1$).

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Step 1: 3-Thiophenemethyloxycarbonyl-histidine-
(trityl) methyl ester

3-Thiophene methanol (0.43 mL, 4.6 mmol),
triethylamine (0.64 mL, 4.6 mmol), and 4-nitrophenyl
5 chloroformate (0.92 g, 4.6 mmol) were dissolved in
methylene chloride (20 mL) and cooled to 0°C under
nitrogen. After 1 hour, histidine-(trityl) methyl
ester hydrochloride (2 g, 4.2 mmol) and triethylamine
(1.28 mL, 9.2 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) were
10 added. The reaction was stirred overnight. The
solvent was removed in vacuo. Ethyl acetate and water
were added. The organic layer was washed with
saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, and
concentrated to give a yellow oil. Flash
15 chromatography (1:1 ethyl acetate:hexanes) yielded a
white foam; 1.15 g (50%).

Step 2: 3-Thiophenemethyloxycarbonyl-histidine-
(trityl)

20 To a solution of the ester from Step 1 (1.15 g,
2.1 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and methanol (10 mL) was added
1N NaOH (6.3 mL, 6.3 mmol) and the solution was stirred
overnight at room temperature. The solution was
concentrated, 1N HCl (6.3 mL) was added, and the
25 product extracted with ethyl acetate, which was washed
twice with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to
give a white foam; 1.12 g (99%).

EXAMPLE 55

30 (S)-[1-((4-Chloro-benzyl)-[1-(2-methyl-2-phenyl-
propylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-
4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1, by substituting alanine methyl
35 ester hydrochloride for glycine methyl ester
hydrochloride and in Step 2 by substituting

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1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) and
O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium
hexafluorophosphate (HATU) for PyBOB. The title
compound is obtained as a white foam (78%); ES-MS 617
(m + 1).

EXAMPLE 56

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methyl-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-methyl-
benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title
compound is obtained as a white foam (74%); ES-MS 582
(m + 1).

EXAMPLE 57

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methoxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 8, Step 1, by substituting 2-methoxy-
benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and in
Step 4, by substituting β,β -dimethylphenethylamine
(Example 15, Step 4) for 2-pyridine-ethaneamine
hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a
white foam (11%); ES-MS 598 (m + 1).

EXAMPLE 58

(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-chloro-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-propionamide

The title compound can be prepared according to
Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 4-chloro-
benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and in
Step 2, by substituting N-methyl-N-benzyl-urea-

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histidine-(trityl) (Example 41, Steps 1 and 2) for Cbz-histidine-(trityl). The title compound is obtained as a white foam (72%); ES-MS 616 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 59

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 1, by substituting 3-methoxy-benzaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and in Step 4, by substituting β,β -dimethylphenethylamine (Example 15, Step 4) for 2-pyridine-ethaneamine hydrochloride. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (5%); ES-MS 598 (m + 1).

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EXAMPLE 60

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[2-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

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The title compound can be prepared according to Example 15, Step 1, by substituting 2-[(4-pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde (Step 1) for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (61%); ES-MS 676 (m + 1).

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Step 1: 2-[(4-Pyridyl)-methyloxy]-benzaldehyde

A solution of salicylaldehyde (5 g, 40.9 mmol) in DMSO (75 mL) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (5.4 g, 81.8 mmol) and allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 hour. This was then treated with 4-picolyl chloride hydrochloride (6.8 g, 40.9 mmol) and the dark mixture allowed to stir overnight. The mixture was poured into water and extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate extracts were washed with 5% NaOH, three times

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with water then with brine. Drying over MgSO_4 and removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave the crude product. This was taken up in ethyl acetate, treated with charcoal, filtered, and the solvent
5 removed under reduced pressure to give 5.42 g (62.1%) of the product as an oil; MS-CI 214 ($M + 1$).

EXAMPLE 61

10 [1-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester

The title compound can be prepared according to Example 8, Step 1, by substituting cyclohexane-carboxaldehyde for 4-benzyloxy-benzaldehyde and in
15 Step 4, by substituting β -methyl-phenethyl-amine for 2-pyridineethaneamine HCl. The title compound is obtained as a white foam (16%); MS-ES 559 ($M + H$).

EXAMPLE 62

20 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazol-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

Step 1: N^α -Boc-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-glycinamide
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To a solution of Boc-glycine (2.1 g, 12 mmol) in methylene chloride (100 mL) was added β -methyl-phenethylamine (1.91 mL, 13.2 mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (Hobt) (1.78 g, 13.2 mmol), dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) (0.5 M DCC in methylene chloride;
30 26 mL, 13.2 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (4.17 mL, 24 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction solution was filtered. The filtrate was washed 3 times with brine. The organic
35 solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% methanol in chloroform) gave 3.5 g

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(100%) of the title compound as a white solid;
CI-MS 293 (m + 1).

Step 2: N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
5 glycinamide trifluoroacetic acid salt

To a solution of the compound from Step 1 above
(3.5 g, 12 mmol) in methylene chloride (35 mL) was
added trifluoroacetic acid (15 mL). The solution was
stirred for 2 hours, then concentrated. The residue
10 was dissolved in methylene chloride and reconcentrated
to give the title compound as an oil. This was used in
the next reaction without characterization.

Step 3: N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-N α -
15 (4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-glycinamide
hydrochloride salt

To a suspension of the compound from Step 2 above
(1.16 g, 6 mmol), isobutyraldehyde (0.274 mL, 3 mmol),
and sodium acetate (0.59 g, 7.25 mmol) in methylene
20 chloride (25 mL) were added. The solution was cooled
to 0°C, and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.92 g,
9.1 mmol) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm
to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The
reaction was treated with a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃
25 solution, and the layers were separated. The aqueous
layer was extracted with methylene chloride
(2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and
washed 3 times with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and
concentrated.

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The product was purified by flash chromatography
(5% methanol in chloroform) to give 0.22 g (15%) of the
title compound: CI-MS 249 (m + 1).

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Step 4: (2-(1-trityl-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-
[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of (S)-(2-benzyloxycarbonylamino-
5 3-(1-trityl)-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-propionic acid (Cbz-histidine-(trityl)) (Hudspeth J.P.; Kaltenbronn J.S.; Repine J.T.; Roark W.H.; Stier M.A. Renin Inhibitors III. United States Patent No. 4,735,933; 1988), (0.532 g, 1.0 mmol) in methylene chloride
10 (50 mL) was added O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU) (0.67 g, 1.7 mmol), 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (0.24 g, 1.7 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (1.08 mL, 6.2 mmol). The mixture was then treated with amine
15 (0.22 g, 0.88 mmol) from Step 3 above, and stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated and the residue dissolved in ethyl acetate (25 mL). The organic solution was washed 3 times with 5% citric acid, 5% NaHCO₃ and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and
20 concentrate. The product was used without further purification in the next step.

Step 5: (S)-(2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-
[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
25 carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of the trityl compound (0.64 g, 0.86 mmol) from Step 4 above in methylene chloride (25 mL) was added TFA (25 mL). The solution was stirred for 3 hours, then concentrated. The residue
30 was partitioned between a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Purification by
35 reversed-phase high pressure liquid chromatography (eluent: 0.1% TFA in water and 01% TFA in

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acetonitrile) was carried out and gave 0.060 g (13%) of the title compound: ES-MS 520 ($m + 1$).

PFT Inhibitory Activity

5 The protein:farnesyl transferase (PFT) or farnesyl protein transferase (FPT) inhibitory activity of compounds of the present invention were assayed in HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) containing 5 mM potassium phosphate and 20 μ M $ZnCl_2$. The solution also contained
10 5 mM DTT (dithiothreitol), 5 mM $MgCl_2$, and 0.1% PEG 8000. Assays were performed in 96 well plates (Wallec) and employed solutions composed of varying concentrations of a compound of the present invention in 100% DMSO (dimethylsulfoxide). Upon addition of
15 both substrates, radiolabeled farnesyl pyrophosphate ($[^3H]$, specific activity 15-30 Ci/mmol, final concentration 134 nM) and (biotinyl)-Ahe-Thr-Lys-Cys-Val-Ile-Met ([3aS[3a α , 4 β , 6a α]-hexahydro-2-oxo-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazole-5-pentanoic acid]-[7-aminoheptanoic acid]-Thr-Lys-Cys-Val-Ile-Met)
20 (Ahe is 7-aminoheptanoic acid, Thr is threonine, Lys is lysine, Cys is cysteine, Val is valine, Ile is isoleucine and Met is methionine) (final concentration 0.2 μ M), the enzyme reaction was started by addition of
25 SF9 affinity purified rat farnesyl protein transferase. After incubation at 30°C for 30 minutes, the reaction was terminated by diluting the reaction 2.5-fold with a stop buffer containing 1.5 M magnesium acetate, 0.2 M H_3PO_4 , 0.5% BSA (bovine serum albumin), and strepavidin
30 beads (Amersham) at a concentration of 1.3 mg/mL. After allowing the plate to settle for 30 minutes at room temperature, radioactivity was quantitated on a microBeta counter (Model 1450, Wallec). The assay was also carried out without 5 mM potassium phosphate.

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Gel Shift Assay

Twenty-four hours after planting 2×10^6 ras-transformed cells per treatment condition, the farnesylation inhibitor is added at varying concentrations. Following an 18-hour incubation period, cells are lysed in phosphate-buffered saline containing 1% Triton X-100, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, and 0.1% SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate), pH 7.4 in the presence of several protease inhibitors (PMSF (phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride), antipain, leupeptin, pepstatin A, and aprotinin all at 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$). Ras protein is immunoprecipitated from the supernatants by the addition of 3 μg v-H-ras Ab-2 (Y13-259 antibody from Oncogene Science). After overnight immunoprecipitation, 30 μL of a 50% protein G-Sepharose slurry (Pharmacia) is added followed by 45-minute incubation. Pellets are resuspended in 2X tris-glycine loading buffer (Novex) containing 5% β -mercaptoethanol and then denatured by 5 minutes boiling prior to electrophoresis on 14% Tris-glycine SDS gels. Using Western transfer techniques, proteins are transferred to nitrocellulose membranes followed by blocking in blocking buffer. Upon overnight incubation with primary antibody (pan-ras Ab-2 from Oncogene Science), an antimouse HRP (horse radish peroxidase) conjugate secondary antibody (Amersham) is employed for detection of the ras protein. Blots are developed using ECL(enhanced chemiluminescence) techniques (Amersham).

Clonogenic Assay (6 well plates)

Sometime previous to setting up an actual test:

1. Make up 1.5% Bacto Agar in Milli-Q water and autoclave.
2. Make up 500 mL 2X DMEM-HG without phenol red by combining the following:

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- 1 bottle DMEM base powder (Sigma D-5030)
 4.5 g glucose
 3.7 g sodium bicarbonate
 0.11 g sodium pyruvate
 5 20 mL of 200 mM L-glutamine (Sigma G-7513)
 1 mL pen-strep (GibcoBRL No. 15140-023)

Adjust pH to 7.1 with HCL; filter sterilize.

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1. Set up makeshift water bath (beaker of water with thermometer, on hot plate) in the hood. Keep water temperature between 37°C to 43°C.
2. Autoclave 1.5% Bacto Agar for approximately 2 minutes on high, or until completely melted. Then let it cool somewhat before using it. (You can keep it from resolidifying by setting the bottle on the hot plate.)

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3.

<u>Bottom Layer (0.6% agar)</u>	<u>Top Layer (0.3% agar)</u>
20% calf serum	20% calf serum
40% 2X DMEM	50% 2X DMEM
40% Bacto Agar (1.5%)	20% Bacto Agar (1.5%)
	10% sterile H ₂ O × μ L
	cell suspension (to =
	5000 cells/well) (H61
	cells: NIH transformed
	3T3 H-ras cells)

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Depending on the volume of each layer needed, use either 50 mL conical tubes or 200 mL turnip tubes which can be floated in the "water bath".

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4. Add 1 mL of bottom layer agar/medium to each well: deliver 1 mL warm agar/medium to a well; then using the tip of the pipet, spread the agar/medium around to completely cover the bottom. Repeat with next well. Do Not add the last mL in the pipet to a well, it leads to bubbles.

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5. Allow the plates to set at room temperature for about 5 minutes until the bottom layer solidifies.
6. Label sterile Falcon 2054 (12 x 75 mm) tubes and add appropriate volume of drug solutions into them.
7. Aliquot 4 μ L of DMSO or drug solution per 1 mL of agar/medium to appropriate tubes; then add the agar/medium/cells to each tube. Always add 1 mL more than will actually be needed. Mix up and down in the pipet (gently); then deliver 1 mL to the center of each well. The upper layer is less viscous, so it will generally spread out over the bottom layer unaided. If necessary, rotate the plane of the plate gently to spread the top layer evenly over the bottom layer.
8. Let plates set for 5 or 10 minutes at room temperature to solidify, then put into 5% CO₂, 37°C incubator.
9. On Day 13, add 0.5 mL of INT (tetrazolium 1 mg/mL in Milli-Q H₂O, filter sterilized) and return plates to incubator.
10. Count colonies.

The data in the Table below shows farnesyl protein transferase inhibitory activity, and activity in the gel shift and clonogenic assays against ras protein of compounds of the present invention.

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	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM) Hepes	IC ₅₀ (μM) 5 mM K ₃ PO ₄ -2	Gel Shift (μM) MED*	Clonogenic Assay IC ₅₀ (μM)
5	1	7.7	0.26	1	2.7 (14.3)
	2	2.84 (2.1)	0.024 (0.062)	0.1	9.2 (4.33)
	3	3.1 (2.8)	0.97 (0.61)	0.25	>1
	4	5.8 (0.15)	0.0076 (0.005)	0.05	>1 (0.31)
	5	1.73 (1.6)	0.038	0.2 (0.05)	0.71 (2.5)
	6	0.2 (0.5)	0.0022 (0.017)	0.2	>1
10	7	9.8	0.36	0.1	>1
	8	7.8	0.30	0.2	>1
	9	4.5	0.36	0.2	>1
	10	0.58	0.018	0.01-0.05	0.71
15	11	2.5	0.082	0.2	>1
	12	1.1	0.062	0.2	>1
	13	1.4	0.022	0.2	>1
	14	1.6	0.066	0.05	>1
	15	0.12	0.007	0.01-0.05	0.19
	16	0.29	0.007	0.01-0.05	0.40
20	17	2.8	0.086	0.2	>1
	18	2.8	0.061	0.2	>1
	19	1.26	0.015	0.05	0.66
	20	1.5	0.017	0.05	0.46
25	21	0.16	0.008	0.05	0.30
	22	1.2	0.016	0.2	>1
	23	1.6	0.022	0.2	>1
	24	0.20	0.014	0.2	0.82
	25	0.93	0.032	0.2	0.89
	26	0.15	0.009	0.2	>1
30	27	0.12	0.014	0.2	>1
	28	2.6	0.043	0.2	0.6
	29			0.1	>1
	30	0.78	0.016	0.1	>1
35	31	0.52	0.014	0.1	>1
	32	0.32	0.007	0.05	0.36
	33	0.50	0.009	0.05	0.36
	34	0.097	0.002	0.05	0.14
	35	2.1	0.009	0.2	>1
	36	0.45	0.007	≥0.05	0.32
40	37	0.92	0.026	≥0.2	
	38	1.6	0.013	0.2	0.22

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Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)		Gel Shift (μM) MED*	Clonogenic Assay IC ₅₀ (μM)
	Hepes	5 mM K ₃ PO ₄ -2		
5	39	9.5	0.10	>0.2
	40	0.12	0.001	0.01
	41	0.009	0.004	0.05
	42	0.60	0.005	0.05
	43	3.9	0.038	0.2
10	44	0.30	0.002	0.02
	45	0.35	0.0024	0.05
	46	1.98	0.034	1
	47	0.62	0.035	0.05
	48	0.5	0.0029	0.05
15	49	0.060	0.009	0.05
	50	0.089	0.0010	0.05
	51	0.88	0.004	≥0.05
	52	0.48	0.004	0.05
	53	10.6	0.12	0.2
20	54	0.20	0.0012	0.2
	55	0.86	0.014	0.05
	56	0.32	0.012	0.05
	57	0.38	0.0052	
	58	0.029	0.005	0.05
25	59	0.52	0.004	0.05
	60	0.14	0.016	0.05
	61	0.66	0.018	0.01
	62	2.6	0.029	

Numbers in parentheses indicate averages obtained by additional tests.

* MED is minimal effective dose to observe inhibition of ras farnesylation.

In Vivo Assay

The compound described in Example 15 was tested for its ability to inhibit the growth of H61 tumor cell xenografts in nude mice. H61 Cells are fibroblasts transformed to a malignant state by transfection with an activated mutant form of human h-ras. Ten to 30 mg fragments of H61 tumors were inoculated SC (subcutaneously) in the axial region into female nude

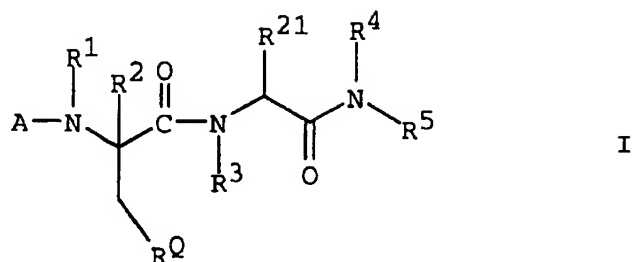
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mice with a trocar needle on day zero of the experiment. The mice were randomized to treatment groups and were then given SC injections of the compound described in Example 15 suspended in 10% cremofor/10% ethanol/80% water twice each day on Days 3-17 of the experiment. At Day 12 of the experiment, the median control tumor burden was 1958 mg as assessed by caliper measurements. The median tumor burden for animals treated with the compound described in Example 15 at 125 mg/kg/injection was 106 mg, indicating a 95% inhibition of tumor growth. The treatment regimen induced a tumor growth delay also consistent with significant inhibition of tumor growth at the 125 and 78 mg/kg/injection dose levels. These dose levels were well-tolerated with minimal or no host toxicity.

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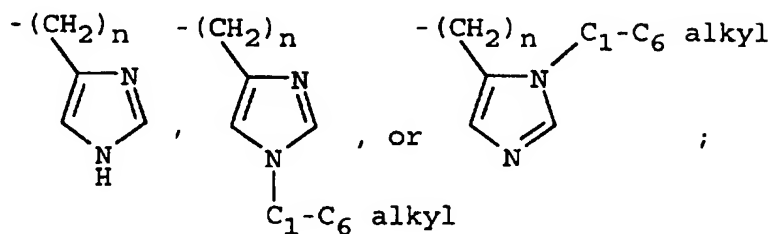
1. A compound having the Formula I



wherein

10 R^{21} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^Q is



n is 0 or 1;

20 A is $-COR^a$, $-CO_2R^{a'}$, $-CONHR^{a'}$, $-CSR^a$, $-C(=O)SR^a$,
 $-C(S)OR^{a'}$, $-C(S)NHR^{a'}$, $-SO_2R^a$, $-CONR^aR^{a''}$, or

25 $-C(=S)NR^aR^{a''}$;

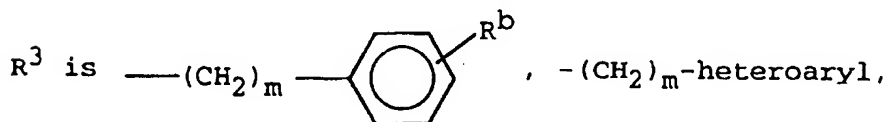
R^a , $R^{a'}$, and $R^{a''}$ are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

$-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_m$ -aryl, or

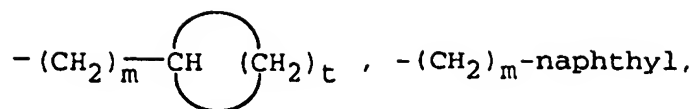
$-(CH_2)_m$ -heteroaryl;

each m is independently 0 to 3;

30 R^1 , R^2 , and R^4 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;



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40 $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-(heteroaryl substituted with } R^b\text{)}, \text{ or}$

$\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl};$

$t \text{ is } 2 \text{ to } 6;$

$R^b \text{ is } -\text{O-phenyl}, -\text{O-benzyl}, \text{ halogen}, \text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl},$
 $\text{hydrogen}, -\text{OC}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}, -\text{NH}_2, -\text{NHR}^a,$

45 $-\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CC}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C-aryl}, -\text{OH}, -\text{CF}_3,$

50 $-\text{NO}_2, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COH}, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COC}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}, -\text{CN}, -\text{OPO}_3\text{H}_2,$

$-\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COaryl}, -\text{N}_3, -\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3, -\text{SO}_2\text{R}^a,$
 $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, -\text{CHO}, -\text{OCOCH}_3,$

55 $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-heteroaryl}, -\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CNR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, -\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^a,$

$-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_y\text{NR}^a\text{R}^{a'}, -(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-aryl},$

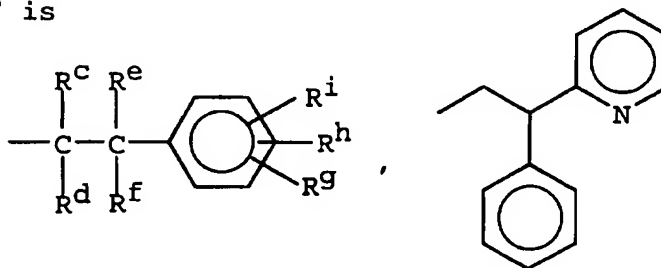
$-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-aryl}, -(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-heteroaryl},$

60 $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-cycloalkyl}, \text{ or } -(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-cycloalkyl};$

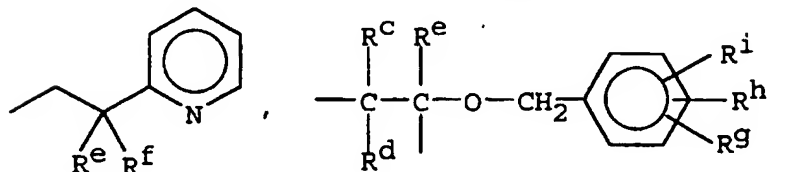
$y \text{ is } 2 \text{ or } 3;$

$R^5 \text{ is}$

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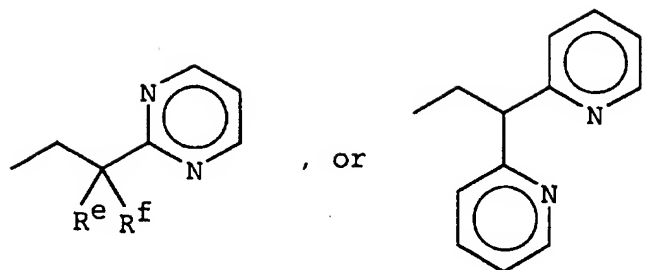


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R^i , R^g , and R^h are independently hydrogen,

halogen, $-OC_1-C_6$ alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CN$,

$-OPO_3H_2$, $-CH_2PO_3H_2$, $-O$ -phenyl, $-O$ -benzyl,

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$-NH-C(=O)-R^a$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^a$, $-NR^aR^{a'}$,

$-CC(=O)_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-C(=O)$ -aryl, $-O-(CH_2)_yNR^aR^{a'}$, $-OH$,

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$-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, $-COH$, $-COC(=O)_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-CO$ aryl,
 $-N_3$, $-CF_2CF_3$, $-SO_2R^a$, $-SO_2NR^aR^{a'}$, $-CHO$, or
 $-OCOCH_3$; and

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R^c , R^d , R^e , and R^f are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl,

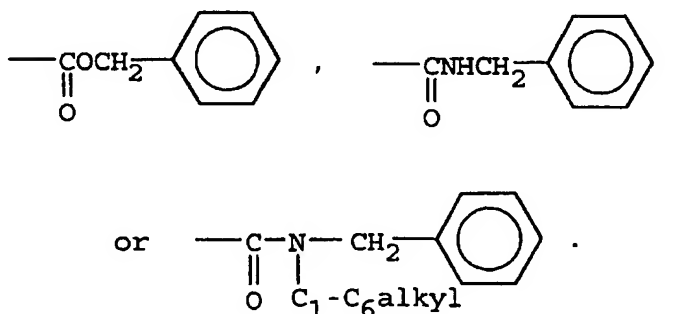
$-(CH_2)_m$ -phenyl, hydrogen, $-(CH_2)_m-OH$,

$-(CH_2)_m$ -cycloalkyl- $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, or $-CN$, and the
 pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters,
 amides, and prodrugs thereof.

2. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein
 R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is hydrogen, R^4 is hydrogen,
 R^{21} is hydrogen or CH_3 , and

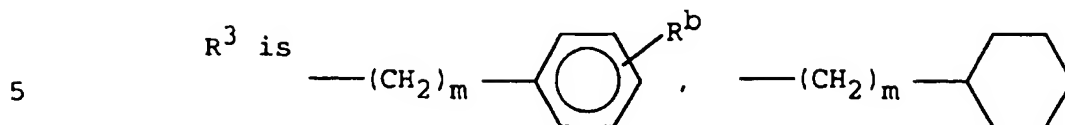
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3. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

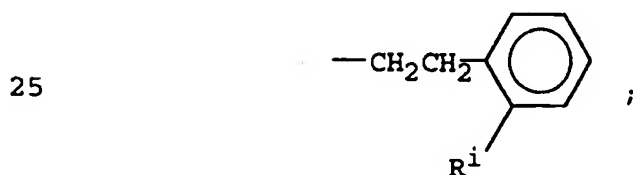
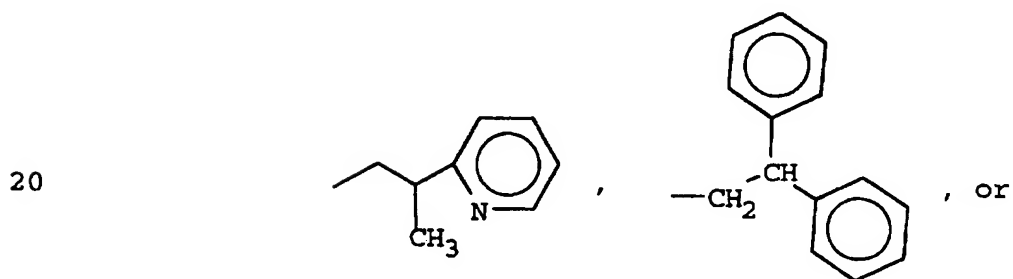
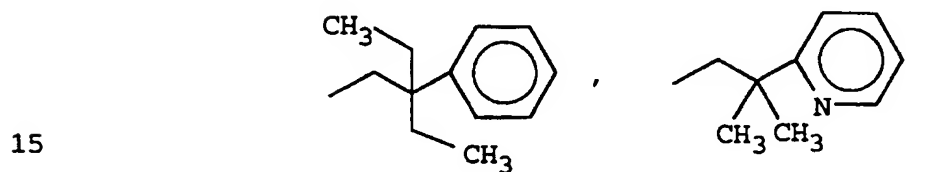
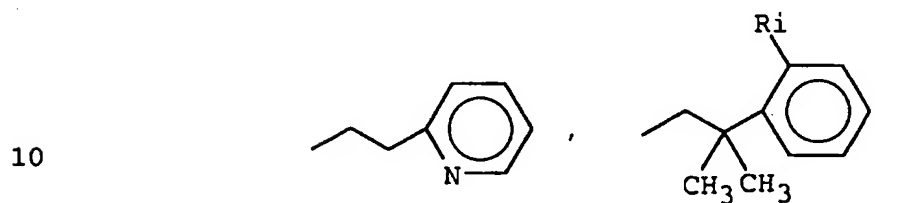
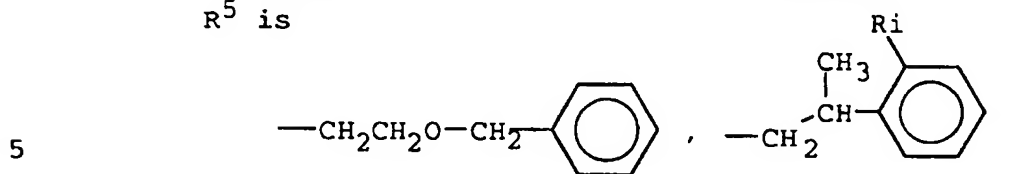


, or $-CH_2-CH(CH_3)_2$.

R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is hydrogen, R^4 is hydrogen,
and R^{21} is hydrogen or CH_3 .

4. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein

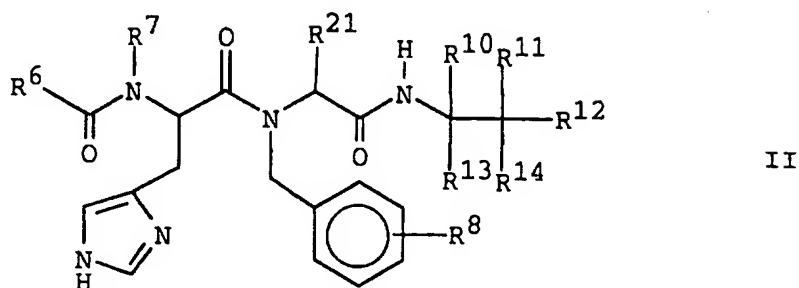
R^5 is



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where R^i is hydrogen, Cl, Br, F, or NH_2 .

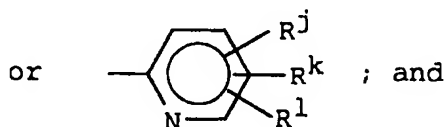
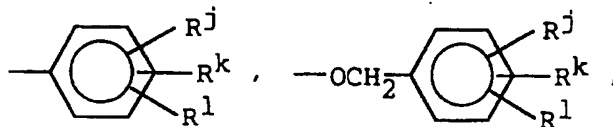
5. A compound having the Formula II



10 wherein

R^6 is -O-benzyl, -NH-benzyl, or $\overset{\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl}}{\underset{|}{\text{N}}}$ -benzyl;
 R^{21} is hydrogen or methyl;
 R^7 is hydrogen or methyl;
 R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, $C_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, -O-benzyl, -OC $_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, -CF $_3$, -OH, or -O-(CH $_2$) $_m$ -pyridyl, or phenyl;
 R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{13} , and R^{14} are independently hydrogen, $C_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, or -(CH $_2$) $_m$ -phenyl;
 each m is independently 0 to 3;

25 R^{12} is



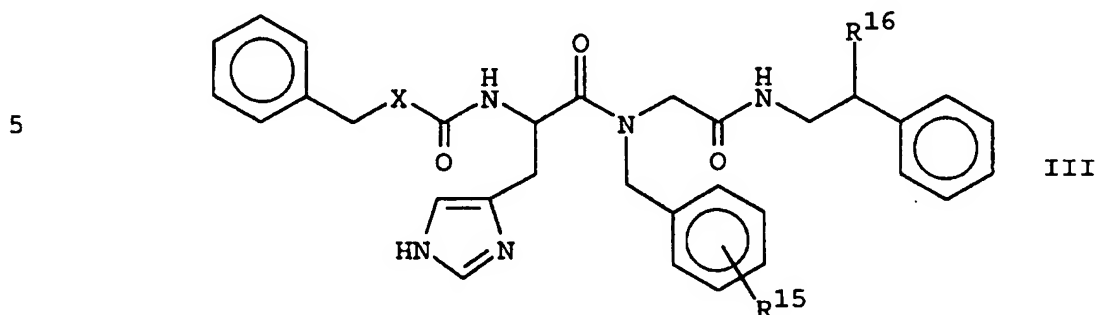
R^j , R^k , and R^l are independently hydrogen, halogen, -OC $_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl or $C_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, -NHR a ,

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NH₂, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

6. A compound in accordance with Claim 5 wherein R¹¹ and R¹⁴ are methyl.
7. A compound in accordance with Claim 5 wherein R⁸ is methyl or methoxy.
8. A compound having the Formula III



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wherein

X is NH, O, or -N(CH₃);

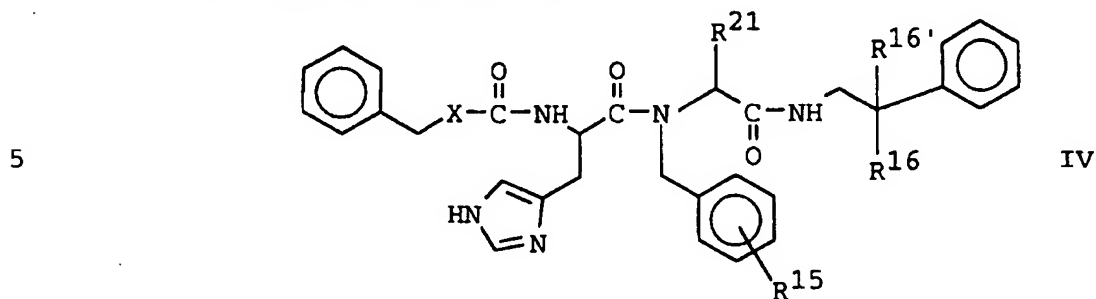
R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, -O-CH₂-pyridyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

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m is 0 to 3; and

R¹⁶ is a phenyl, hydrogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl, cycloalkyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof.

9. A compound having the Formula IV



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wherein

X is NH, O, or -N(CH₃);

10 R¹⁵ is -O-benzyl, -CF₃, hydrogen, halogen,
C₁-C₆ alkyl, -OC₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or
-O-(CH₂)_m-pyridyl;

R¹⁶ and R^{16'} are C₁-C₆ alkyl;

m is 0 to 3; and

15 R²¹ is hydrogen or methyl, and the
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters,
amides, and prodrugs thereof.

10. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition that
comprises a compound of Claim 1.

11. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition that
comprises a compound of Claim 5.

12. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition that
comprises a compound of Claim 6.

13. A method of treating or preventing restenosis, the
method comprising administering to a patient
having restenosis or at risk of having restenosis
a therapeutically effective amount of a compound
5 of Claim 1.

14. A method of treating or preventing restenosis, the
method comprising administering to a patient
having restenosis or at risk of having restenosis
a therapeutically effective amount of a compound
5 of Claim 5.

15. A method of treating or preventing restenosis, the
method comprising administering to a patient
having restenosis or at risk of having restenosis

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- 5 a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 6.
16. A method of treating cancer, the method comprising administering to a patient having cancer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
17. A method of treating cancer, the method comprising administering to a patient having cancer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 5.
18. A method of treating cancer, the method comprising administering to a patient having cancer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 6.
19. The compounds
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-(phenethyl-carbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 5 (S)-[1-[[2-Benzyloxy-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-[4-chlorobenzyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 10 (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2,2-diphenylethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and
- (S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide.
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20. The method of Claim 16 wherein the cancer is lung cancer, colon cancer, pancreatic cancer, thyroid cancer, breast cancer, or bladder cancer.

21. The compound

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

22. The compounds

(S)-[1-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(S)-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

15 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(R)-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

20 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[[2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-

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carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

30 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-((2-ethyl-2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((2-Chloro-benzyl)-((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

35 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-((2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

40 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methoxy-benzyl)-((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

45 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

50 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

55 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-[4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-(Benzyl-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

60 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methoxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-

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methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

65 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-cyano-2-phenyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
70 propionamide;

(S)-[1-[[[2-(2-Amino-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[[[2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[[[2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[4-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and

(S)-[1-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

23. The compounds

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[[2-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

10 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[[2-(2-bromo-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 15 (S)-[1-[(4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-2-(3-phenyl-propionylamino)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- 20 (S)-[1-[(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 25 (S)-[1-[(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[Benzyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 30 (S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- (S)-N-(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-2-(3-benzyl-ureido)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-phenyl-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- 35 (S)-[1-[(4-Bromo-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 40 (S)-[1-[(3-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Chloro-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
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(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

50 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

55 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

60 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

65 (S)-[1-((4-Dimethylamino-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

(S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazo-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

70 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl)methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

75 (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid thiophen-3-ylmethyl ester;

80 (S)-[1-((4-Chloro-benzyl)-[1-(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

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- 85 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((4-methyl-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((2-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 90 (S)-2-(3-Benzyl-3-methyl-ureido)-N-(4-chloro-benzyl)-3-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-((3-methoxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 95 (S)-(2-(1H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-[2-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and
- 100 (2-(1H-Imidazol-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester.
24. The compounds
- (S)-[1-((4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-phenyl-pentyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 5 (S)-[1-([2-(4-Benzyloxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-(2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-([2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propyl-carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
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- (S)-[1-[[[2-(2-Amino-phenyl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3-methyl-3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid furan-2-ylmethyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid thiophen-2-ylmethyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid pyridin-3-ylmethyl ester;
- (S)-[1-[(4-Benzyloxy-benzyl)-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl]-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid 1H-imidazole-4-ylmethyl ester;
- (S)-2-(3-Benzyl-ureido)-N-(4-chloro-benzyl)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;

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- 50 (S)-[1-((4-Benzoyloxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid 4-methoxy-benzyl ester;
- (S)-2-(3-Benzyl-thioureido)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-(4-methyl-benzyl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- 55 (S)-2-Acetylamino-N-(4-benzyloxy-benzyl)-3-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-N-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide;
- 60 (S)-(2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[[2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
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- 65 {2-(3H-Imidazole-4-yl)-1-[(4-iodo-benzyl)-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-((4-Amino-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- 70 (S)-[1-((4-Ethoxy-benzyl)-((2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl)-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
- (S)-[1-([4-(2-Dimethylamino-ethoxy)-benzyl]-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-2-(3H-imidazole-4-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and
- 75 (2-(1H-imidazole-4-yl)-1-(isobutyl-[(2-methyl-2-phenyl-propyl carbamoyl)-methyl]-carbamoyl)-ethyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

25. A method of treating a viral infection, the method comprising administering to a patient having a viral infection a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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26. A method of treating a viral infection, the method comprising administering to a patient having a viral infection a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 5.
27. A method of treating a viral infection, the method comprising administering to a patient having a viral infection a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 6.
28. A method of treating psoriasis, the method comprising administering to a patient having psoriasis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
29. A method of treating psoriasis, the method comprising administering to a patient having psoriasis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 5.
30. A method of treating psoriasis, the method comprising administering to a patient having psoriasis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 6.

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